Trinity news

September and October 2016
Trinity Baptist Church

From Pastor Kevin…

We're back in swing again! Well, at least the school year is back in swing! Children are everywhere! And I LOVE it!! They bring such excitement and challenge to the campus each fall.

And, I'm happy to say that the ministries of TBC are in full swing as well! So many wonderful things are happening around here, it's challenging to keep track…and I'm the pastor!

I trust that you and the members of your family are deeply engaged in some area of ministry at Trinity! Whether it's through your small group Bible study (SGBS or Sunday School) or through a ministry that appeals to all ages, we need YOU to be engaged in ministry so the world around us can be touched by the Gospel!

ReVision is coming! Beginning September 18 and going through October 9, I will be leading you through a process that will not only give you a reshaped Vision Statement for TBC, but will also challenge us all to ReVision what God is doing and desires to do at and through Trinity. I'm excited, and I am asking God to…

Give us a ReVisioned understanding of Vision,
Give us a ReVisioned desire to Experience Him,
Give us a ReVisioned passion to Encourage one another,
Give us a ReVisioned heart to Engage those around them who need to know Jesus as Savior!

Would you commit to God that you will be faithful in attendance in Sunday School and Worship in these critical days? We truly need all hands on deck to take full advantage of this historical opportunity!

See you Sunday!

It is an enormous joy to be your pastor!

WOMEN ON MISSION

As Summer is coming to a close and schools are back in session, our church activities have also resumed. One of the many Ministries offered at Trinity Baptist Church is Women on Mission (WOM). This ministry is open to women of all ages and meets in the Middle School Cafeteria in the Lovett Christian Life Center on the first Wednesday evening of each month at 5 pm. Those who wish may purchase the church dinner for $5, or bring in your own dinner to eat during our meeting.

Some of our ongoing projects include folding and filling the Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse, preparing cookies and fruit platters to deliver to our Police Officers and Firefighters, writing notes of encouragement and appreciation to our Police Officers, as well as other mission projects.

Southern Baptists are spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the world through the Cooperative Program. Our WOM Ministry participates in that endeavor by studying and learning about our missionaries, supporting them by providing them with supplies and tools needed in their ministry, and most importantly by praying for them in their service for God's kingdom. We strongly encourage you to join WOM to be involved in this vital ministry. You will experience spiritual fulfillment and blessings.

DISASTER RELIEF

Trinity's Disaster Relief Team would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our Church Family, for all the support you have shown us, not just recently but from the very first day we became your team. Thank you for your encouraging words, your monetary gifts, and most of all for your prayers. You are a vital part of this team. We would not exist without your support.

On July 10, our team made up of 11 men and 2 women from Trinity and 2 men from nearby churches answered the call to assist in mud clean-up in West Virginia after the Elk River flooded leaving the town of Elkview and other surrounding communities devastated. Over 2,000 homes were either completely destroyed or severely damaged and over 40 people lost their lives. Schools, businesses, and an entire shopping center were destroyed by water and mud as well. This call-out was undoubtedly the worst Mud-Out we have ever assisted in. It's hard to imagine two and a half feet of water in a garage apartment's second floor. Please continue to pray for the families who have lost so much. It will be a very long time before they will be back to normal again ,if ever.

As this article is being written, Trinity's Disaster Relief Team is on standby to go back to Louisiana for the second time this year as New Orleans and Baton Rouge were again hit by raging flood waters and we are just now reaching the peak of Hurricane Season.

SENIOR ADULTS

In lieu of the September Senior Adult Covered Dish, we will be taking a road trip to Daytona Beach on Thursday, September 29, 2016. We will be traveling to "Racing's North Turn", a cafe that commemorates the beginnings of the Daytona 500 when the cars raced on the beach at the end of Ponce Inlet. Our group will enjoy a nice lunch while surrounded by memorabilia and pictures of the early years of Daytona racing. Following lunch, we will board the bus and travel back to Daytona Beach to tour Angell and Phelps Chocolate Factory which was founded in 1925 in Mackinac Island, Michigan but moved to Daytona Beach at the start of World War II. The cost for the day will be $5 to ride the bus and, of course, your meal at the restaurant. The tour of the Chocolate Factory is free unless you choose to return with some confectionary delights. Sign up in your Sunday School classes or at the Welcome Desk in the Worship Center by September 19.

We will resume our regularly scheduled covered dish on Monday, October 24.

Pastor Fred

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day.

DISCIPLESHIP &EQUIPPING MISSIONS &EVANGELISM

We have seen tremendous growth, and God is moving in our church! There have been no less than 44 people who have joined this fellowship by letter, statement, baptism, or profession of faith over the last 26 weeks of The Pastor's Breakfast. This does not include the children of all these families. It has been a marvelous thing to behold. In fact, I choose to call it "A God Thing"!

This is a formal invitation, to all who have not yet attended The Pastor's Breakfast, to do so this next Sunday morning at 9 AM in the gym. You do not have to bring anything but an appetite. We will have a great time together of fellowship, information sharing, staff introductions, and words from Pastor Kevin and myself. We have had communication issues and other things such as summer vacations, sickness, etc. that have kept some from attending, but over 400 have now been through this process. So, come anytime you like. Pastor's Breakfast will not end just because we get to the last of church members. As a matter of fact, it will now begin to focus more readily on our guests that we invite. So, invite, invite, invite, and your friends, loved ones and work associates will hear the gospel and enjoy the welcoming hearts of Trinity Baptist Church in a new and refreshing way.

This past Sunday School Leadership meeting was well attended, and I believe we all had a great time. I am so blessed to lead some of the best teachers in all the SBC right here at TBC!

I would love for all leadership (teachers, outreach leaders, fellowship leaders, substitute teachers) and any others to go with us to the Central Florida Sunday School Leadership Training Conference on September 17, 2016 where you will receive quality training! The cost is $15 for your conference fee and transportation. We will leave that Saturday morning at 6:30 AM from the TBC parking lot and return around 3:00 PM. We will enjoy some lunch together, which you will need to be prepared for as well. Please do not let money be an issue. Just let me know if you need some assistance to attend.

God bless you as we serve Him together!

Pastor Jay
Associate Pastor/
Discipleship & Equipping, Missions & Evangelism

TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Providing Christian Education and Childcare for Nursery - 8th Grade in Apopka, Florida

The hallways and classrooms at Trinity Christian are extremely active once again. We are praising the Lord for an enrollment of 312 students. We give all glory to God for the families we are able to partner with in ministering to the next generation.

Thank you to all who pray for the ministry of TCS. Our staff and faculty are already feeling the effects of your prayers. In fact, one of the Early Childhood Education teachers shared that they started the first day without any student tears! We praise the Lord for an excellent faculty and staff whose love is seen and felt by the students. It is a great blessing to see these teachers ministering to and discipling their students not only in academics but more importantly in spiritual things.

This year our theme for the faculty is: "God's Heavenly Wisdom for Earthly Living." This comes from James 3:13-18. Each month the teachers will do a study on one of the character qualities found in the passage (wise & understanding, humility, pure, peacemaker, considerate, submissive, full of mercy & good fruit, impartial, sincere). The goal is to provide the teachers an opportunity to study the Word together on a practical topic which they can then apply in the classroom as they teach their students.

On a personal note, my family would like to thank everyone for their warm welcome. We are grateful to God for leading us here, and we are excited to be a part of the TBC/TCS family.

In His Service,
Shawn Weeks
TCS Administrator

WORSHIP MINISTRY

There's a key to becoming a fountain of praise. It's simple, really, although we often have a hard time remembering it. We come up with formulas, techniques and strategies that we think will get us closer to the heart of God. Perhaps we want some special insight that will be the key to understanding His nature and praising Him more deeply. If only we had that missing piece of information, we imagine we would be the spiritual giant we intend to be. It all must be amusing to God. But if we look into His Word, we'll realize the simple key to knowing Him: Ask.

Think about that. Is there anyone in the Bible who ever asked with a sincere heart to know God deeply and was turned down? No. We can see it here with Moses – "Show me Your glory" – and we can see it repeatedly throughout Scripture. David was a man after God's own heart, and according to the Word, he found it. Jeremiah and others promised that whoever seeks Him will find Him.

People came looking for Jesus, and He obliged them. An Ethiopian came looking for God in Jerusalem, and God sent Philip. A Roman was looking for God in Joppa, and God sent Peter. Those who look for God – with an open, sincere heart, of course – find Him. If we want to praise Him for who He is, all we need to do is ask: "Lord, who are You?"

That will transform a life. It isn't a strategy or a secret, just a request. It's a request that God honors – always. And it's a whole lot simpler than some of the tricks we try when we want to see God. If we really want to see Him for the purpose of praising Him, He's there for the asking.

Even a small glimpse of glory will utterly transform a life. Moses came down from the mountain so radiant that it scared his friends.

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Hello, my church family! What an amazing summer we had here at Trinity AND in our community. I am so grateful that God chose us to go and share His love and His word with the lost. This summer was packed with Backyard Bible Clubs at Apopka Elementary School and Clarcona Resort where we had a total of 27 children attend and 7 professions of faith!! We also had the privilege of baptizing 1 boy from that group! Our God is so good!!!

Many thanks to our students and adults who made time in their schedules to serve at these community outreach events. It was an amazing summer seeing God's provision, His perfect timing, and being able to harvest in His fields. TBC has its foot in previously unopened doors and I can't wait to see how He will use us again to share His love and truth with others.

We conquered Vacation Bible School again this year! We all submerged ourselves deep in God's word as we spent a week with 300+ children from our community. Thirty-six children prayed to make God their personal Savior. VBS week was amazing! Everything went so smoothly (from a director's point of view!). Our teachers were well prepared and in touch with the Holy Spirit, as He directed them each day with the right words. Our students and guides came with positive attitudes filled with compassion and patience. Our greeters were friendly, our registration ladies were diligent and kept me on track all week long, and ALL the behind the scenes people made everything run just as we needed it to go. Our Pastors joined together on Wednesday to counsel children who made professions of faith during the Bible time. Our church worked so well together using the gifts and talents that God provided each one of us to make this year's VBS a HUGE success.

I challenge you to memorize our VBS verse and use it in your prayer time. I can tell you that this verse has shown up in my devotion time and has helped guide my personal prayer time. Psalm 139:23-24 "God, see what is in my heart. Know what is there. Test me. Know what I'm thinking. See if there's anything in my life you don't like. Help me live in the way that is always right." Isn't that how you want to live your life? In obedience to God. VBS used the HSCB version, but as Lucas and I were looking in his Bible (NIrV) we read the verse and this version made it so clear on how we should live or lives and guide our thoughts. VBS is such an amazing week in the summer and I love how its lessons can be applied to all ages and circumstances in life.

Now that summer has passed and school has begun, Wednesday nights are BACK!! Our Kidz Choir will be presenting the Christmas Musical, "For the Glory of the King" on Wednesday, December 7 at 7 PM. So mark your calendars NOW and invite your friends. Our Mission groups are also back and ready to teach our kids how to share the Gospel wherever they go. Kidz Choir and Missions meet Wednesday nights in the A building from 6 PM to 8 PM. Families, we want your kids to be involved. If you have any questions, please call the church office for the answers.

Every Sunday morning, beginning at 9am, we have caring and dedicated teachers that plan lessons and activities to reinforce Biblical teachings in Sunday school. Our Kidz Worship and Preschool Worship teachers work diligently to share the Word with your children in a fun way that they can apply to their lives. Our goal is to help you, the parent, lay the Biblical foundation in your child's life, so as they grow older they choose to honor God with their choices from what they have learned in the Bible.

We need and want your kids here every Sunday and Wednesday, involved in Sunday school and Music and Missions. Just as adult classes are working on Mission projects, your children are too, and we need them here and involved. There are 168 hours in a week, I am asking that you allow your children to be involved in the discipleship that happens here at Trinity for 4.5 hours of your week. Can you commit to make church a priority in your family?

Raeann Johnson
Director of Childhood Ministries

Worship Ministry continued...

Nothing will change a perspective so much as a vision of the eternal God. And nothing can achieve that glimpse other than a sincere request. So ask. Make that your prayer today, and many days to come. "Lord, show me Your glory."

Pastor Chad
Worship Pastor

STUDENT MINISTRY

It is hard to believe that summer is gone and all students are back in school, especially since we are still reaching temperatures in the upper 90`s. Can someone remind God that we as humans have said summer is over. Lol….. We, as Choose 2nd Student Ministry, have had a remarkable summer with many activities that have drawn us closer to the Lord and one another. We will have just finished our Back 2 School Bash as you read this. Several churches from around central Florida will have joined us for an outreach to unchurched students.

In September, we will join over 10,000 other teenagers from all over Florida at Universal for Rock the Universe, a night of worship, with many Christian bands and artists. We will also be traveling to F.B.C. Frostproof to join them in their outreach event, *Mobilize,* on October 1.

IMPORTANT DATE IN OCTOBER!!!
October 8th
PUMPKINS ARRIVE at 11 am

Please make plans to be here to assist in the unloading of pumpkins. Even if all you can do is hand out bottles of water to those working, we would love to see your smiling face. On October 23rd we will be taking high school students to see the movie "I`m Not Ashamed" which is a movie about the Columbine High School shooting. (https://youtu.be/RJJ2xphZjjA)

Our students have voted, and we will be changing the name of our student ministry. Look for the exciting unveiling of these changes in the next newsletter. Please continue to pray for us as we make changes within our student ministry that will allow us to continue to grow into what God is calling us to be. There will be many other opportunities so make sure you are watching for them. You can sign up for text messages by texting to 40404 and write "follow @choose2nd". Please call or text Pastor Mike at 352-615-6015 with any questions or concerns.

Until next time…… Seek Wisdom, Speak Truth, AND Share Love.

Pastor Mike
Student Pastor

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

9.1	Upward Makeup Evaluations
9.2	Seasoned Single Ladies
9.5	Labor Day-Church Office Closed
9.7	Women on Mission
9.10	Rock the Universe (Students)
9.13	Deacon Meeting
9.14	Finance Committee Meeting
9.15	Ladies' Supper Gang
9.16	Seasoned Single Ladies
9.17	Central FL Sunday School Convention
9.29	Senior Adult Outing
9.30	Seasoned Single Ladies

October

10.1	Mobilize Event (Students)
10.2	Student/Parent Meeting
10.2	Explore Life Class
10.4	Deacon Meeting
10.5	Women on Mission
10.8	Lake Yale Concert (Ladies)
10.8	Pumpkins Patch Opens
10.12	ESL Classes begin
10.12	Finance Committee Meeting
10.12	FCE Packing Party
10.14	Seasoned Single Ladies
10.17	Senior Adult Dinner
10.20	Ladies' Supper Gang
10.22	Trunk n Treat
10.23	Movie –High School Students
10.28	Seasoned Single Ladies