



TRINITY news

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INTERIM PASTORS

You may have heard it said recently in church service on Sunday that Trinity Baptist Church has been blessed by God to have only had two Pastors in the past 53 years. It goes without saying that preaching the Word of God each Sunday is something the members of Trinity Baptist Church value greatly.

The church Deacon ministry has been working for the past three months to insure this high level of quality preaching continues each Sunday until our Pastor Search Committee has found the next Pastor to lead Trinity. We have identified two candidates to help us through the last two months of 2023.

Our preacher for the next three weeks has been referred to us through the Greater Orlando Baptist Association. His name is David Fannin. He is from Lakeland, Florida. David has led Baptist churches in St. Petersburg, Tampa, Illinois, and Texas. He recently retired from Nassau Bay Baptist Church in Houston, Texas after serving there for 28 years. David is greatly looking forward to preaching at Trinity.

Charles Roesel is the second preacher who will be sharing with us in the next two months. Charles recently retired as Pastor Emeritus from the First Baptist Church of Leesburg after serving there for 30 years. Charles accomplished many things through the years as that church thrived in its growth and outreach. Charles would quickly tell you he did nothing. He gives all the credit to God. He has written a book titled "It's a God Thing". Charles has a vision to see God act mightily in the future at Trinity Baptist Church. He preached at Trinity many years ago as part of the eliminate debt initiative.

The Deacons have not tried to plan too far into the future. Like the rest of the church, we look forward to the arrival of our new Pastor who will be sent by God to lead Trinity.

We will provide an update on 2024 as we get closer to the end of the year.

Michael Brantley, Deacon Chairman

UPCOMING EVENTS

11.4	TCS Craft Fair
11.5	Trivia Night
11.7	Deacon Meeting
11.8	Finance Committee Meeting
11.17-11.18	Youth Lock In
11.22	No Wednesday Activities
11.22-11.24	Church Office Closed
11.28	TCS Sonny's BBQ Spirit Night Fundraiser

WORSHIP MINISTRY

THANK YOU

I'm so grateful to all of you who have participated in the Pumpkin Patch Ministry through the month of October! You have my sincerest appreciation in your willingness to do the things needed to use this ministry in reaching out to our community. To those of you who helped in getting the pumpkins off the truck and onto pallets, those who helped put up yards and yards of orange fencing to keep kids safely in the patch, for everyone who took a shift (and those who took multiple shifts!), sacrificing weekends and time during the week, to those who helped with the gift bags we were able to give every single family who came to our campus, and finally- those who helped with breaking everything back down to get back to our norm- I am blessed beyond belief to work alongside each and every one of you and couldn't have done this without you. Thank you!

The Pumpkin Patch ministry has shifted focus over the course of this year to become an outreach with an intent to show Jesus and invite Apopka to our church. As such, the success was not dependent on higher sales compared to previous years, or just to see what we could add to keep our Pumpkin Patch competitive to those other patches in town. Instead, success was in the interactions and connections we made at our Pumpkin Patch. In light of this - I wanted to share a moment that made all of the work, well, worth it! A high schooler from our Student Ministry struck up a conversation with a family visiting our Pumpkin Patch and invited them to worship with us on Sunday mornings. The following Sunday this family came and found the student who had extended the invitation and even sat with them during the service! This same family came again the next Sunday and sat with another TBC family...and the student who had the boldness and desire to see this family in our church. When we are able to connect with our community and share the love of Jesus, that's the true measurement of success, Kingdom Minded Success.

Thank you again for your help and participation in making the Pumpkin Patch a great outreach to our community!

Jeremy Champion, Worship Pastor

CHILDHOOD MINISTRIES

When most people think of November, they think of Thanksgiving dinner and turkey with all the trimmings. Most people who know me, know that I want to save the turkeys. When I think of November, I think of giving thanks for all the people God has placed around me. I want to take this opportunity to say that I am so thankful for my church family, and I want to thank you all for praying for LeRoy. Please continue to do so because we feel your prayers. God is good!

On this same note of thankfulness, I would like to thank everyone who participated in making this year's Trunk-or-Treat a success. Although I was unable to attend, I was told that it was a wonderful success and for that, I am grateful.

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STUDENT MINISTRY

Hello from the OSM (Oxygen Student Ministry)! What a great month October has been!

We had a blast with our Sunday Shenanigans each week and saw an average of 30 students at each event. While that's some exciting stuff, October wasn't only fun and games. We were all about joining the rest of our church family in reaching our community. The OSM participated in the Pumpkin Patch every weekend, brought in over 100 bags of candy for Trunk-or-Treat and even put in three trunks!

November is shaping up to be another great balance of Ministry and Fellowship. We will kick off the month on Wednesday, November 1, with our second *Wild About Worship* opportunity- led in worship by our own students and adult volunteers! November 5 is our **Trivia Night- Christmas Style**, this will be a fun evening with a great ministry purpose. 100% of the proceeds from Trivia Night will be used by the OSM to purchase, pack and ship shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child! We will have baked goods available for a donation and Christmas ornaments for sale, so join us and support this fantastic ministry. November 17-18 is our Lock-In and we're anticipating 40 students! We're bound to have a blast, but it's really about building unity in our group as we grow closer to each other and, ultimately, encouraging a relationship with the One who knows these students best.

Looking to the end of the year, we have **two ministry needs** in which we're asking for your help and support. The first is Xtreme Winter! We will be taking 23 students, ages 11-18 to Tennessee for a conference that is all about building a desire to know and live sold out for our Savior! We will be having daily devotions, team building prayer moments, and the conference with awesome music, worship and speakers, that will lead to the experience of the year! While we have budgeted for everything needed to feed this spiritual emphasis, we'd like to do two fun events while in Tennessee. We are looking for people who'd be willing to sponsor one (or more!) of these students by providing the \$100 needed for each student to participate in these fun events. We will need a total of \$2,300 (\$100 per student) to go to Ober Mountain and Anakeesta for an experience that these kids won't soon forget! If you are willing to sponsor a student- please see Meme Champion!

The second opportunity is coming up in December- as a fundraiser for the Rock the Universe experience at Universal Studios (January 26-27). This is a great weekend event of fun and worship! This year, the artists performing are Phil Wickham, Brandon Lake, Casting Crowns, We the Kingdom and MORE! We are making this an overnight excursion! In December, you're going to see some really awesome gingerbread houses on display. To vote, you'll simply place a donation in the bin next to the gingerbread house you like the best. All proceeds will go towards our Rock the Universe experience and the winning gingerbread house will have the full amount paid for the weekend fun!

We have a jam packed season ahead of us in the OSM!

Pray for our ministry, as we get these students in the walls of the church, pray they will see Jesus and learn about what He has called them to be. Pray about joining us in this mission field! We are excited to see how God is moving in our Youth Ministry and can't wait to see what He does next!

Keep those prayers coming!

Meme Champion, Interim Student Director
(Chad, Rhonda and Adam)

CHILDHOOD MINISTRIES continued...

Okay, now on to children's business:

On November 12, 2023, we will be providing a list of Christmas gifts for the Dove Tree through Christian HELP to be purchased and returned prior to December 3, 2023. This ministry enables families to shop for toys at no cost. Please choose a card from the tree in the foyer of the gymnasium and return the gifts that you purchase, unwrapped. Let's all join together to make this Christmas season special for those less fortunate.

*Commit to the Lord whatever you do and
He will establish your plans. Proverbs 16:3*

Marilynn Beale, Children's Director



We are **PRAISING** the Lord and **THANKING** everyone who helped to make the TCS Gift Basket Fundraiser a huge success. This year, the event generated almost \$7,200 which will help the PSG (Parent Support Group) make good progress toward their goal of enhancing the elementary playground.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, November 4

Annual Craft Fair 8 AM - 3 PM - This fun event will take place in the gym. Local vendors and crafters are coming together to help us with our Christmas shopping. Plan to attend this amazing event!

Friday, November 17

All Pro Dads' Meeting 7 AM - 7:30 AM - Our next meeting will be Friday, November 17th at 7 am. We will meet in the Chapel next to the school office. Dads - Plan to join us for a light breakfast, enjoy good fellowship with your child and with other students and fathers, and participate in a lesson on contentment.

Monday-Friday, November 20-24

Thanksgiving Holiday No School for K-12 students -

Our Daycare will be open Monday - Wednesday at 2 PM (11/20 - 11/22) for children who are already enrolled.

Tuesday, November 28

Giving Tuesday - This year's Giving Tuesday project is to receive the funds required to sponsor a **No Child Hungry** food packing event for our TCS students in January. Our goal is to raise funds that will allow us to pack 10,000 meals. Be on the lookout for the debut of our new online giving option that will be added to our webpage.

Tuesday, November 28

Spirit Night @ Sonny's BBQ from 5- 9 PM

In this month of Thanksgiving, we are thankful to God for your prayers and for your support of TCS.

With a grateful heart,

Shawn Weeks, Head Administrator



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