

**Trinity Baptist Church 2022 - 2023**  
**Led by God**

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**LOOKING FOR A  
 PLACE TO SERVE?**

Please consider these ministries and opportunities and those listed in the bulletin. For questions, or for more information contact the director of the ministry

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Children's Sunday School Pam Short  
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*"Therefore encourage one another, and build up one another, just as you also are doing." I Thessalonians 5:11 NASB*



**THE ENCOURAGER**

Trinity Baptist Church Monthly Newsletter

**January 2023**



Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.



*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. I Peter 4:10*

## **WHICH LIFE HAS OUR ATTENTION?**

*2 Corinthians 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.*

I do not expect to get any sympathy from people older than myself. However, at 54, my body is not what it used to be. I wake up and my legs are sore from the pickleball the day before. I am tired more than I used to be. I never used to think about aches and pains. Sometimes I felt pain, but I just continued marching on trying to ignore it. Usually, I could do just that. As we grow older, new pains and struggles come physically. These can no longer be ignored. In fact, more and more, these physical challenges tend to consume our waking or sleepless thoughts.

Our physical condition and health challenges can be a source of significant discouragement. We go to the doctors. We try to follow their directions. We try different medications. Sometimes we find success, but often not. And we repeat the cycle again of going to the doctor to try it again. What is worse is that in the back of our minds we know that even if this challenge gets fixed there will be another one around the corner.

The Apostle Paul that the we do not lose heart. I love that expression. The context above is facing these physical challenges in our bodies. Paul says that he does not lose heart in the presence of his dying body. Our outward man is perishing, he says. Yet despite this perishing of the outward man, Paul still does not give in to discouragement. In fact, despite the dying, Paul is encouraged. How can this be? It is found in the last phrase, ‘the inward man is renewed day by day.’ The reason that the physical and health challenges do not discourage Paul is because his inward man is being continually renewed. What does this mean? How can we enjoy the same encouragement?

The inward man is our spirit. It is the part of us that is like God, who is Spirit. We could say that this is our spiritual life, our new life. It is not just our emotions or thoughts. Sometimes we describe ourselves as being ‘in good spirits’. This is emphatically not the idea in mind with the inner man. The inner person

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Pam Holt – Help Others Meet Emergencies (HOME) is responsible to enlist women from the church to make meals for people who need a hand-up in times of need.

Women’s Ministries are always open to suggestions for services and open to improvements that can always be made. Also – we wish every woman at Trinity to feel a part of us and join us in ministries that we do and also join us in this journey together of serving the Lord through the people He puts in our paths.

Working together ---- in His Love,  
Lonni Hillman



### **WOMEN’S RETREAT**

March 11, 2023. A planned ladies Saturday retreat at The Thompsons Country Event Center is happening – we hope you will be part of it. Not an overnigher so don’t pack your suitcase....instead a Saturday of being entertained with a great speaker, lots of wonderful food and lots of wonderful time for visiting with each other. You will enjoy the country feel and the little critters that roam around.

### **JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

01 Mike & Mona Parks  
21 Mel & Beryl Fitzpatrick



### **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

04 Tony Donaldson  
05 Nancy Langan  
05 Dan Langan  
10 Dee Hibbler  
10 Everett Murrish  
19 Olivia, Isabel & Mason Lund  
22 Dracen Quinn  
23 Carol Holzer  
26 Robert O’Conner  
28 Marlene Hollman  
28 Kirsten Larson



### **MEN’S BREAKFAST**

Saturday, January 14th, at  
8:00am in the Fireside  
room.

### **BELIEVERS FELLOWSHIP**

Thursday, January 19th, at  
noon in the Fireside room.  
Our speaker, Dave Hanson,  
will be telling us about his and  
Kim’s trip to Israel.  
Mark your calendar and plan  
to attend.



## **WOMEN'S MINISTRIES -- A NEW NAME FOR CCT**

CCT – otherwise known as the Congregational Care Team is getting a “new” name. It has served as a women’s ministry activity for a number of years and has , through its various ministries, served many well. Recently the CCT Team have come to realize that while its name conveys the intent of compassionate care for those in need, it does not encompass the range of activities conducted by the “Team”. Importantly, CCT wishes to encourage all Trinity women to be part of the ministry opportunities. Therefore, CCT will be known as “Women’s Ministries” at Trinity Baptist church.

Presently, Women’s Ministry (WM) consists of seven women who each serve as the head of a designated committee. Serving as Co-coordinators are Lonni Hillman and Jenny Ruffcorn; Pam Denby as UGM Representative; Dorothy Cole as Shut-In visitation representative; Marlene Holman as Prayer Chain Coordinator; Lorraine Crouch as Kitchen and Showers representative; and Pam Holt as HOME (Help Others Meet Emergencies) representative. A bit more information about each committee is :

Lonni Hillman and Jenny Ruffcorn are co-coordinators presiding over each meeting. They generally set meeting agendas, and are responsible to see that each ministry is running smoothly and are available to assist each committee Chairman as help is needed. Communication is the key to all committees and functions being successful.

UGM (Union Gospel Mission) Representative Pam Denby promotes every UGM event. Those events include twice yearly women’s Gathering at UGM for a luncheon and program that informs all women of the varied ministries of UGM throughout each year. That includes offering opportunities for Trinity people to help support UGM with supplies for men, women and children. And, the opportunity to supply all graduates of UGM Rescue Programs with tangible items to start their new lives with kitchen, bathroom and bedroom supplies.

Dorothy Cole organizes shut in - visitations and cards being sent out.

Marlene Holman organizes and sends out prayer requests on the Prayer Chain.

Lorraine Crouch watches over the needs of our two kitchens including ordering supplies and lining up kitchen helpers as needed and also coordinates baby and wedding showers.

is ‘Christ in you’ (cf. Colossians 1:27). It is the new person (2 Corinthians 5:17).

How do we renew this inward man? Simply put, we feed ourselves spiritual food. Spiritual food is the activities that connect us better with God who is Spirit. Our inward man is renewed as we draw closer to the Lord. This can mean reading our Bibles. It can mean studying the Bible. It can mean memorizing Scripture. It can mean praying. It can mean sitting in silence with the Lord. It can mean fasting. It can mean listening to sermons. It can be reading Christian stories or biographies. The key idea of renewing the inward man is that we do it as the text says, day by day. Spend time every day seeking to grow closer to the Lord. The times that you feel discouraged by your physical challenges should be reminders for you to spend more time with the Lord seeking to grow spiritually.

*Pastor Blaine Donaldson*

### **THANK YOU**

On behalf of the staff of TBC, I would like to express our gratitude for the Christmas gifts that the church provided for us. It is a blessing and privilege to serve the Lord here, Thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

Pastor Blaine Donaldson

### **COLLEGE AND CAREER**

The College and Career group is continuing. We have a home cooked meal together then we open the Bible together. We are continuing to talk through a video series on the attributes of God. We are so blessed to break bread and open the word with several young seekers and believers.

### **MEOW GROUPS**

**Meeting Every Other Week**

The MEOW groups are continuing. If you have not joined a MEOW group, now is a great time to sign up. Our groups meet every other week. We listen to each other and grow together. While we study the Scripture together, our focus is on application of the Word to our lives, meeting each other where we are, and supporting each other.

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# GLOBAL OUTREACH PARTNER OF THE MONTH

*Carmen Bryant*

**Campus Ambassadors International**

## Move to Lawton, Oklahoma in November 2022

After my husband Don died in 2020, I knew I would need to move closer to my children. A family decision was made that when the time came to make a change, I would move near daughter Brenda in Lawton, OK. Since I experienced a small stroke in July, the time seemed right to make the move. Although I miss my friends, and especially my church family, it is a joy to live in the same city as some of my children and grandchildren.

### Campus Ambassadors (Mission Door)

My job with Campus Ambassadors will remain basically the same, with a few tweaks. Ever since COVID hit, I've worked remotely from my computer. My present responsibilities can be done from any location. One of my main tasks is working out the details of my job in this location in the coming days — new location and new connections. I will continue to travel as I am able, including trips back to the Northwest to visit supporting churches.

### Unfinished Business with my Brother

When I moved from Oregon, I left my younger brother behind, with the promise that after I got settled, I would work toward moving him near me. What would seem to be a simple matter is, unfortunately, quite complicated because my brother is a Medicaid patient. Moving a client across state lines is very problematic. If we can get through the red tape and financial obstacles, an assisted living place across the street from me would seem to be a good option, both in care for him and ease of access for me.

### Prayer Praises and Requests

- Praise** God for stroke recovery, but I am high risk because of diabetes.
- Pray** that my brother will be received as a Medicaid patient in Oklahoma and be able to move to Lawton without having to pay privately.
- Pray** that I will be able to determine my work schedule and new connections.
- Pray** that I will also be able to find the connections I need for my medical needs.
- Please keep praying** for my former coworker in Kenya who is having difficulty getting her children away from an abusive situation. **Pray** for their safety and a just resolution to the difficulties—by God's definition of justice.

May your Christmas be a joyful one!

Carmen

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### January

- Sundays** - Sunday School - 9:00 a.m. & Church Service - 10:30 a.m.
- Mondays** - College & Career - 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesdays** - Youth ministries (Alive 2:5) - 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday 3rd**- Trinity Quilters - 9:30 a.m.
- Tuesday 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st** - Women's Bible Study- 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesdays** - Awana - 6:30 p.m.

### OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Blaine's formal office hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m.–1 p.m. He is delighted to meet with you any time that he is available during or outside of office hours.

The office will be open Monday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. (8:30 a.m. Mondays) to 2:30 p.m.

The live-stream link will be available on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkw43Ipg7iK0TPdAGXPfSw/live>

There is generally about 20 minutes of

### Email Addresses

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### PRAYER REMINDERS

God hears and He answers prayer  
Cast on Jesus your every care  
Hasten to take Him your problems  
For God answers prayer.

- Langan family** - Praise for Carson's successful surgery, pray for healing
- Dee Donaldson** - New job duties
- Kirsten Larson Pasieta** - Cancer treatment
- Lori Hansen** - Tolerating chemo starting in January
- Iverson Family** - Comfort for death of Earl (Buzz)
- Verna Wagner** - Son Paul needing treatment for two kinds of cancer
- Kathie Foerster** - Diagnosis for pain
- Marvin Guthrie** - Treatment for abdominal pain
- Caitlyn Smith family** - Housing situation
- Jean Shull** - Wisdom for housing arrangements
- Tom Crouch** - Recovery from hip replacement
- Mark Lewis** - Recovery from knee replacement
- Fern Murrish** - Recovery from fractured shoulder
- Elaine Rehms** - Cancer treatment
- Denise Johnson** - Cancer treatment, praise cancer found early
- Hamilton family** - Comfort for death of Bev
- Donaldson family** - Comfort for Autumn's mother, Corinne, in adjusting to death of spouse and new living situation.

Please call Marlene Hollman at 509-328-7414, or send an e-mail to:  
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with your requests and praises. Your request will be e-mailed to the church family. Those without e-mail will be notified by phone through the phone prayer chain.