

Our Mission

Trinity Fellowship Church desires to glorify God by equipping a community of believers to worship God and be witnesses of Him in Central Arkansas and to the ends of the earth.



Our Vision

Trinity Fellowship Church desires to be a Bible-believing, Christ-centered, grace-filled, and gospel-driven community where every member is equipped and encouraged to minister and witness according to their God-given talents.



The Pastor's Column

Where is Home?

One of the realities of living in a world broken by sin is that it fuels the longing for a world that isn't broken by sin. The way things are keeps us longing for the way things *could be* and *will be* in a world fully restored by Jesus Christ. One of the situations that we experience in the "already" that keeps us longing for the "not yet" is moving from one place to another. I've been chewing on this lately as we prepare to move for the second time in 6 months. Many of you have moved from one place to another, some of you, quite often.

Moving is really not the way it's supposed to be. The first move in Genesis 3 was not a happy time for Adam & Eve. Why? Because they were leaving their home. The place they were created to be and enjoy. The place they knew and felt comfortable in. The place where they had a specific role. The place where communing with and enjoying the presence of God was just an ordinary day.

We've been made to call a place home, so moving from the people we've come to know and share life with in a specific place is difficult & disruptive. Even if circumstances are clear that it's time to move, it still hurts. It's a reminder that the journey continues on the road to our heavenly home where we will be settled in the presence and glory of our King (John 14:1-3; Revelation 21). So as difficult as moving can be, it serves as a good reminder that it won't always be this way. We are home in Christ even as we physically move around the world. Soon, any disruption and loss that comes with moving will be no more.

It the midst of our longing it's important to remember that God in his sovereignty is the one who moves us. He is orchestrating all that comes to pass according to His divine will and pleasure. He moves us to positions and places to serve him and sanctify his church. We are to be a "kingdom presence" in the places he moves us (Jeremiah 29:1-14) as faithful ambassadors for Christ.

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Women in the Church

Ladies' Committee:

Brandi Childress, Bernadette Dempsey (Co-Chair),
Michelle Hill, Laura Lindberg, Sharon Plate (Co-Chair)

2017 Women's Retreat

The 2017 Trinity Women's Retreat will be Friday, May 19th to Sunday, May 21st at CrossHeirs Retreat Center near Stuttgart, AR. This will be a wonderful time of fellowship and relaxation! Women are highly encouraged to stay both nights, but Friday night only or Saturday night only are sign up options.

The cost is \$100 for both nights and \$50 for one night. Registration is now open online, please visit the church website to register. The deadline to register is Thursday, March 30th.

This year's retreat speaker is Courtney Reissig. She will be speaking on Psalm 73 and the book of Ruth:



Can God be trusted? When evil triumphs or darkness surrounds us, is God still faithful to his people? These are questions that God's people have been asking since sin entered the world. But in God's kindness, these are questions that are also answered in his word. Speaking both from Psalm 73 (on Friday night) and the book of Ruth (on Saturday), Courtney will point us to the God who is near to his people, who shows up for his people, and who is always working behind the scenes even when we can't see it.

We encourage the ladies of TFC to attend this wonderful weekend of studying God's Word and enjoying fellowship and fun!

About Courtney

Courtney is a wife, mother, writer, and speaker. Born in California and raised in Texas, she graduated from Northwestern College (MN). After doing some graduate study at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, she met her husband Daniel and fell in love. They now make their home in Little Rock, Arkansas where they are the parents of three boys; Luke, Zach and Seth.

In 2015, her first book was released (*The Accidental Feminist: Restoring Our Delight in God's Good Design*) and she is currently working on her second book.

Courtney blogs regularly at courtneyreissig.com.



The Annotated Hymnal

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

Stuart Townend

March 1st marks the beginning of the Lenten season, which has traditionally been a time of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. While not celebrated explicitly at TFC, it is important for us to understand the significance of this season which is celebrated across other Christian denominations.

The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is at the heart of the Christian gospel, and Good Friday and Easter are two of the most significant celebrations of the Christian year. And as we carefully prepare for big events in our personal lives, such as a wedding or commencement, Lent invites us to make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus’ passion and celebrating Jesus’ resurrection.

The practice of a forty-day preparation period began in the Christian church during the third century. The number *forty* carries biblical significance based on the forty years Israel spent in the wilderness and Jesus’ forty-day fast in the wilderness. The forty days of Lent begin on Ash Wednesday and continue through Holy Week, not counting Sundays. As a period of preparation, Lent has historically included the instruction of persons for baptism and profession of faith on Easter Sunday; the calling back of those who have become estranged from the church; and efforts by all Christians to deepen their piety, devotion, and readiness to mark the death and resurrection of their Savior.



In a season that is often focused on what *we* will give up in our lives, it is important for us to remember what *God* gave up for us. As this hymn reminds us, God the Father gives “His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.” If we are in Christ, God treasures us! Have you ever taken time to really let that sink in? As someone once said, “[God] has honeymoon affections for His people.” And this is not because we are worthy of those affections. It is simply because of His deep love for His people. And this deep love extends to every part of us—not just to the facade that is on display every Sunday, but to the deepest parts of us where we cover our guilt and shame. God loves us for who we are, not who we pretend to be! This frees us to be open and honest about our sins and struggles, not having to pretend like we “have it all together.”

So as we come into this time of preparation, let us remember the Father’s deep love for us. Let us remember that we have a love that will not let us go, because we have a love that let the Son go in our place. Let us remember that the love that chose us before the foundation of the world is the same love that calls us, justifies us, and will keep us to the end (Romans 8:30). And let us live in light of that love for us. Let us live lives of praise and adoration. Let us live lives of confession and repentance. Let us live lives of thanksgiving and gratitude. And as we live our lives *Coram Deo*—before the face of God—let us deepen our piety and devotion for the One who is worthy of it all. That’s an invitation for us all.

*How deep the Father’s love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss—
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.*

*Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life—
I know that it is finished.*

*I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart—
His wounds have paid my ransom.*

Birthdays

March 1

Peter Breedlove

March 8

Christopher Irby
Leslie Wheat

March 9

AJ VanEnk

March 15

Lucas Gorter

March 17

Katelynn Wheat

March 30

Benjamin Lukas

Anniversaries

March 18

Darrel and Claudia
Crosswell

*Are we missing your birthday
or anniversary?*

*Please make sure your
information is current in
Breeze.*

Fellowship Focus

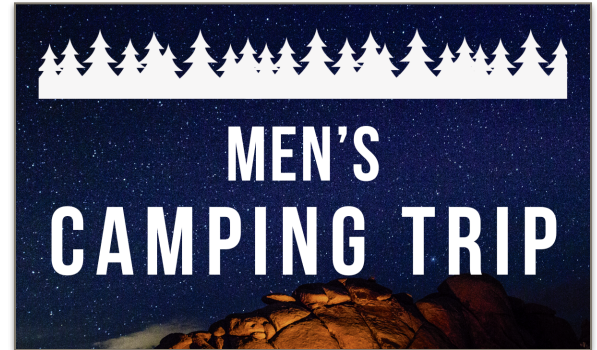
Fellowship Committee:

Joy Denley, Melissa Gorter, Leah Lukas,
Ron Plate (Chair), Heath Warbritton, Leslie Wheat

Men's Camping Trip

The men and boys of Trinity Fellowship Church are invited to a camping trip at Petit Jean State Park from Friday, March 31st to Sunday, April 2nd. A special fishing outing will be held on Saturday. Participants are asked to provide their own food for the event.

Cost for the event is \$30 per person or \$60 for families. A limited number of yurts are available on a first come, first served basis. Please visit our website to reserve spots in a yurt. We also have additional campsites reserved next to the yurts.



March Fellowship Lunch

Bill Dempsey's MCG is responsible for the set up and clean up for the Fellowship Lunch scheduled for Sunday, March 12th.

Easter Breakfast

Our annual Easter Breakfast will begin at 9:30 on Sunday, April 16th. Ron Plate and Ed Sartain will be serving the meal. More information will be available in the April newsletter. Mark your calendars!

“The new covenant radically alters the Sabbath perspective. The current believer does not first labor six days, looking hopefully towards rest. Instead, he begins the week by rejoicing in the rest already accomplished by the cosmic event of Christ's resurrection. Then he enters joyfully into his six days of labor, confident of success through the victory which Christ has already won.”

— O. Palmer Robertson

The Pastor's Column

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Moving from Michigan to central Arkansas will be difficult, but I know it's time. I know the Lord is preparing our family for a new place to call home even as we long for our eternal home. Thank you for sharing the journey with us – and all the messiness & tension that comes with moving. The Lord is faithful and infinitely wise; he will complete the good work he has begun in each of us and in his church. Trust him for this. Look to him and lean upon him for strength and contentment in the moving times, and rest confidently that those times are short for the Bride of Christ (Revelation 19:6-8).

—Brad

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ at Trinity,

I am so grateful for your commitment to the advance of the gospel. Receiving monthly support from you constantly fills my heart with joyful encouragement. Thank you for your generosity.

I am so grateful for the time that I was able to spend with you as your pastor. During my years at Trinity, God taught me much about myself and about the gospel. I appreciate Trinity for being willing to take a chance on a young pastor with little experience in leading a church. As I think about my time with you, my mind floods with so many fond memories.

News of the recent congregational vote has reached my ears here in Middle Tennessee, and I could not be more excited for you. My prayer for you is that God will use Rev. DeVries to cause the body of Christ at Trinity to continue to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I pray that the transition will happen quickly and smoothly. As with all of her pastors, I am fully convinced that the saints at Trinity will welcome their new pastor and his family with open arms.

Stephanie and our children send their greetings. We look forward to being able to visit sometime in the future to update you on what God is doing through church planting in Spring Hill. If anyone from Trinity ever plans on coming through Nashville, please let us know. We would love to connect.

Peace,
Mike Fennema

Greeters and Ushers

March 5

Ed Sartain
Gary Wheat

March 12

Kevin Breedlove
John Thomas Breedlove

March 19

Howard Gorter
Lucas Gorter

March 26

John Hensley
Gabe Hensley

Nursery Volunteers

March 5

Joy Denley

March 12

Susan Sanford

March 19

Ashley Hensley

March 26

Tamara Hensley

Liturgist

Ron Plate

News and Notes

It's a Boy!

Congratulations to Rick and Suzie Aich on the birth of their baby boy! Uriah Aich (7 pounds 8 ounces, 19 inches) was born on Thursday, February 16th. Rick and Suzie would like to thank everyone for their prayers.



Directory Update

Congratulations to Ron Plate on his recent retirement! Please update your directories to reflect Ron's new email address, as his previous email has been deactivated. Ron's new email address is: plateron15@gmail.com.

Breaking Down Barriers

Church Planter Dan Anderson and Central Presbyterian Church in Little Rock are co-hosting an interdenominational service on Sunday, March 5th, beginning at 6:00 pm at the Greater Trinity Church of God in Christ (2400 Wright Avenue in Little Rock). The purpose of this service is to build relationships across I-630 in hopes of reflecting the Kingdom of God.

BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS

Student's Spotlight

RYM Middle School Texas

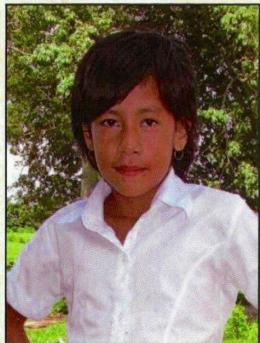
All deposits (\$100/person) for MSTX attendees are due. Remaining balances (\$265/person) are due Sunday, April 30th. Students and chaperons can now register online at rymonline.org/mstxregistration.

Rev. Kurt Cooper will be the speaker for MSTX. Kurt was born in Charleston, South Carolina, but calls Tupelo, Mississippi, his hometown. Kurt received a B.A. in business administration from Mississippi State University, and his M.Div. from Reformed Theological Seminary. Kurt is currently serving as the Minister to Youth at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Montgomery, Alabama. He is married to Marty, also from Tupelo, and they have one son, Campbell.



Compassion International Partnership

The youth of TFC have recently partnered with Compassion International to sponsor Yobaneidy Roca Roa (more info below). Compassion International exists as an advocate for children, to release them from their spiritual, economic, social, and physical poverty and enable them to become responsible and fulfilled Christian adults. In our study of John, we have seen the heart of Jesus towards the "outcasts" and the example he has set for us. Partnering with Compassion is but a small way for the youth of TFC to begin to think about how they can serve others both abroad and at home. Please keep Yobaneidy in your prayers.



Yobaneidy lives with her father and her mother. Her duties at home include carrying water. There are 2 children in the family. Her father is sometimes employed and her mother maintains the home.

For fun, Yobaneidy enjoys volleyball, playing ball games and reading. She attends

church activities regularly and is in primary school where her performance is average.

Because of your sponsorship, Yobaneidy will have new opportunities to learn and grow physically, mentally, and spiritually. Thank you for your concern and prayers.

YOBANEIDY'S COMMUNITY

Yobaneidy lives on the plains of Jardines del Sur, home to approximately 1,500 residents. Typical houses are constructed of dirt floors, brick walls and tile roofs. The primary ethnic group is Mestizo and the spoken language is Spanish.

The regional diet consists of bread, cassava, chicken and rice. Most adults in Jardines del Sur work as day laborers and earn the equivalent of \$217 per month. This community needs health centers, a sewer system, technical training centers, a police station and recreation facilities.

Your sponsorship allows the staff of Capilla Jardines del Sur Student Center to provide Yobaneidy with Bible teaching, discipleship classes, health screenings, supplemental food, health and hygiene education, indoor and outdoor games, community service opportunities, life skills training, educational assistance and mentoring programs.

COMPASSION IN BOLIVIA

Compassion's work in Bolivia began in 1975. Currently, more than 45,850 children participate in more than 150 child development centers. Compassion partners with churches to help them provide Bolivian children with the opportunity to rise above their circumstances and become all God has created them to be.

**THANK YOU FOR BRINGING HOPE TO
YOBANEIDY ROCA ROA!**

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Bradford Green RUF at Hendrix College; Conway
Dan Anderson Central Presbyterian Church; Little Rock
Del Farris MNA Chaplain Ministries; Little Rock
Fred Klett CHAIM (Reformed Ministry to Jewish People); Philadelphia
Michelle Hill CRU/FamilyLife; Little Rock
Mike Fennema Mission Spring Hill; Spring Hill
Mike Ford RUF at the University of Arkansas; Fayetteville
Mike and Eli Sabin MTW; Guam
Seima and Naoko Aoyagi MTW; Tokyo, Japan
Steve Sanford Evangelical Alliance for Immigration Services; Little Rock
Tom and Karen Mirabella MTW; Chiba, Japan
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