

## 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*

### Wireless Living

It really is amazing how much life can change in a week...or a day...or an hour! The DeVries family story has taken another exciting and challenging turn as we unload, unpack and begin to settle into a new space and place. Thank you for your prayers and simple acts of love along the way (like filling our tummies). You continue to welcome us into your lives and we are so very grateful. The changes will be good and hard, some predictable and some not, but we take courage and confidence in the Lord. He has given us to you and you to us, praise God for the body Christ!

I hope you will find the chicken scratches in this column to be honest, informative, and encouraging as the months goes by. I may share reflections on what I've been reading, experiences that have left a impression, or prayers and goals for the church. My personality is such that I would consider myself "predictable" in most things, but I make no such claim for this article each month. I look forward to how the Spirit of Christ will lead and teach us together.

Here's a thought in the midst of the move. *We have a heart desire and need to be connected.* Before we had unloaded the car at 4 Scott Cove, guess what I was thinking about? Not whether the water was turned on, or that we had gas or electricity, but whether the internet service I had ordered was actually streaming through the wall! It's a little embarrassing to admit, but setting up a wireless connection in the house was a top priority for me (we don't have a real big data plan, and washer and dryer can wait, right?). I wanted to be able to communicate, to send and receive information seamlessly and stay informed in the ways that I have grown accustomed to. The degree to which wireless internet connectivity is a real need is debatable, but starting over in a new place it was at the top of my needs list.

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## Women in the Church

### Ladies' Committee:

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

### Rest for Our Souls

God doesn't expect us to be perfect—to bake that perfect 12 cupcakes for the 4th grade class, or perfectly fold those 9 loads of laundry, or to give love perfectly to our family. In fact, He knows that without Him we will fail at completing the to-do list by the time the sun goes down—love included...Every. Single. Day.

But my perfect God seeks me in my imperfection (and it is great!), and He invites tired and weary me to come to Him. In Matthew 11:28 Jesus says, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Stop and sigh. Now, big sigh. Now, breathe.

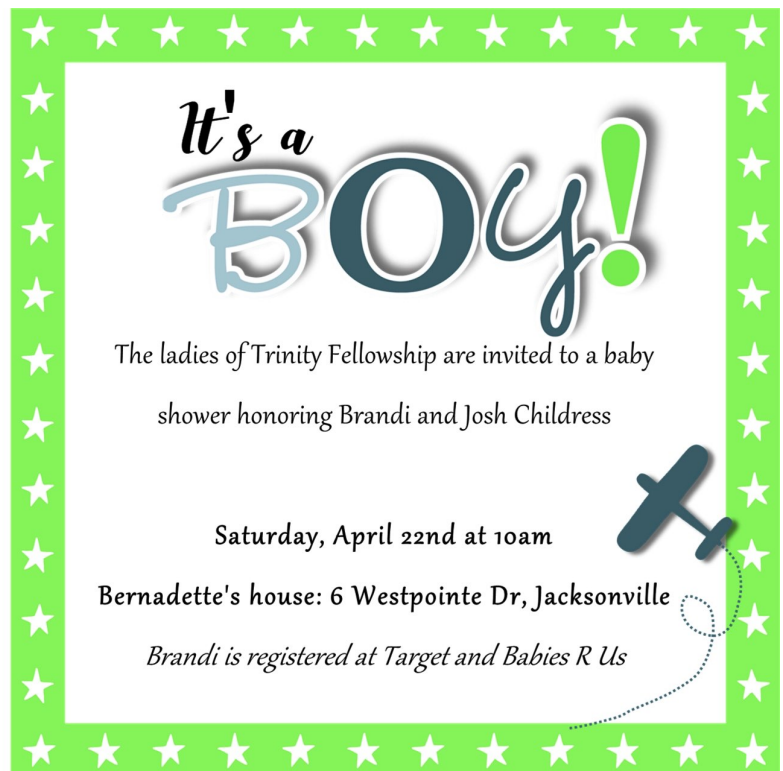
Many of you ladies are probably like me and the winds of winter and spring have left a weary soul. I can't fix that, and neither can you, but we know the One who can give us the true rest we need for that deep breath.

Speaking of rest, if you haven't signed up for the Women's Retreat, please consider joining us for a wonderful weekend of friends, chatting, relaxing and most importantly seeking God together. The Retreat Committee has worked hard to make you feel loved. So, leave the laundry piled up and the cooking undone for one weekend...your heart, mind, and soul will thank you for it. The Women's Retreat is May 19th-21st at the beautiful CrossHeirs Retreat Center—a place guaranteed for relaxation.

Our study in James will conclude April 5th. After that, there will be no Women's Bible study for the remainder of April and May. As my theme goes, rest is good for our souls. Our committee knows that many of you are feeling pulled in lots of different ways right now. Busyness can too easily pick at our souls and weigh us down...so at times it's good to just take a break and breathe. Jesus concludes His thoughts on rest in Matthew 11 by saying "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." What a kind God we serve!!

We are still in the process of deciding our summer Bible Study book, but I'm excited about the possibilities! I guarantee it'll be good. So stay tuned.

*Michelle*



## *Missionary of the Month*

### **Missions Committee:**

John Hensley, Tamara Hensley, Aaron Lindberg, Laura Lindberg,  
Amber Sartain, Nick Sartain, Rae Belle Sartain, Glenn VanEnk (Chair)

On March 5th Central Presbyterian Church of Little Rock co-hosted an interdenominational service in Little Rock to begin to break down some of the racial and economic barriers that exist in our city. In the eyes of the organizers, the event was an incredible success on many levels. Not only were 10 denominations represented at the service, but there was a wide range of cultures and races in attendance. More than that, we were very encouraged by the conversations and prayer that took place during and after the service. As we looked out towards the audience we saw a glimpse of the church described in the book of Revelation (After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb... Revelation 7:9). Because of the success of this service, we are planning three more services in 2017.



But with such success we also learned how far we still have to go. One night of praying and meeting different people isn't going to break down barriers that have been ingrained in our hearts and city for generations. It's going to take consistency and continuity among the leadership. It's going to take further buy in from people in city which means it is going to require more services and further relational gatherings. It is going to require an incredible amount of grace and wisdom towards each other especially in regards to certain theological convictions. But more than anything, it is going to require the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in our midst. We know we cannot do anything without Him. Thankfully, we experienced His presence in our midst on March 5th and we are anxious and excited to meet again.

*Dan*

“The holiness of God is not to be conceived of as one attribute among others; it is rather a general term representing the conception of His consummate perfection and total glory. It is His infinite moral perfection crowning His infinite intelligence and power. There is a glory of each attribute, viewed abstractly, and a glory of the whole together. The intellectual nature is the essential basis of the moral. Infinite moral perfection is the crown of the Godhead. Holiness is the total glory thus crowned.”

— A.A. Hodge

**Birthdays**

**April 7**  
Donavon VanEnk

**April 9**  
Calvin Greer

**April 10**  
Ed Sartain

**April 14**  
Caleb Breedlove  
Kyly Hawk

**April 17**  
Heath Warbritton

**April 22**  
Hazel Hensley

**April 28**  
Rachel Gilchrist

**April 29**  
Kylie Sartain

**Anniversaries**

**April 6**  
Kelly and Kate  
VanGundy

*Fellowship Focus*

**Fellowship Committee:**

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

**April Fellowship Lunch**

Ron Plate's MCG is responsible for the set up and clean up for the Fellowship Lunch scheduled for Sunday, April 9th.

**Easter Breakfast**



Our annual Easter Breakfast will begin at 9:30 on Easter Sunday, April 16th. Ron Plate and Ed Sartain will be serving the meal. This is a FREE meal!

*Training Tidbits*

**Training Committee:**

Bill Dempsey (Chair), Michelle Hill,  
Boyd Irby, Heath Warbritton

**Sunday School**

There will be no Sunday School on April 2nd (Men's Camping Trip), April 9th (Installation Service), and April 16th (Easter Breakfast). Sunday School resumes April 23rd. The final day of Sunday School for the spring is May 21st.

**Free Book Table!**

During the month of April, a free book table will be available in Classroom 8. Please take as many books as you like. Please note that the free books do not necessarily constitute an endorsement and should be read with discernment.

*Are we missing your birthday  
or anniversary?*

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

## The Pastor's Column

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After a few phone calls and configuring, I was connected! What a thrill! I could walk anywhere in the house and through the magic of the “cloud” check my email, the weather, the church website, or research where the closest Chipotle might be. It really is exciting, comforting and freeing to know we’re connected.

I’m not sure how secure my wireless internet connection is or how long it will last. Given my history with such technology, it will certainly have its hiccups, but there is a connection that is completely secure and uninterrupted that we share. It’s a wireless connection that we need far more than the internet, and knowing that it’s there provides a peace, comfort and freedom we can find nowhere else. This is our connection to Christ and to His church. In the power of the Holy Spirit we are forever bound to Christ and to each other. The Apostle Paul likes to use the phrase “in him” to describe this beautiful and mysterious union, this connection, that those who believe have with Jesus. Read Ephesians 1 sometime and count how many times you find this language. Later in Colossians 3, we read that our lives are “hidden with Christ in God”. This connection is so personal, intimate and real that Jesus is our very life! There is no greater joy than to share in this union with our Savior. Our deepest desire and need for connection is fully satisfied in Jesus.

Are you connected in this way? Do you think you have this connection, but feel like you’re “going it alone”? Let’s consider the ways that we are building and strengthening this connection in the life of the church. I’m grateful for the time that our men and young men can spend together on the campout this month. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect and share a snippet of life together—to encourage and be encouraged by brothers in Christ. We need this connection. This month we will spend some additional time at the Lord’s Table together. This meal is a gift of God to us and fuel for our faith. Please join us as we celebrate God’s grace and our union with Jesus and with one another. We don’t make the journey alone, and these are wonderful times to be reminded of God’s holiness, love, compassion and *connection* to His people. See you at the Table!

Grace & peace in abundance,

*Brad*

## Greeters and Ushers

**April 2**

Boyd Irby  
Christopher Irby

**April 9**

David Lukas  
Ben Lukas

**April 16**

Nick Sartain  
Aiden Sartain

**April 23**

Josh Childress  
Jim Gilchrist

**April 30**

Aaron Lindberg  
Kurt Lueken

## Nursery Volunteers

**April 2**

Joy Denley

**April 9**

Valerie Plate

**April 16**

*Volunteer Needed*

**April 23**

*Volunteer Needed*

**April 30**

Sharon Plate

## Liturgists

Darrel Croswell  
Glenn VanEnk

## News and Notes

### Directory Update

Rae Belle Sartain's new email address is: [rbsartain@icloud.com](mailto:rbsartain@icloud.com).



### From the Worship Committee

Communion for April has been moved from April 2nd to April 9th. On April 9th, Rev. Brad DeVries will be installed as Pastor of Trinity Fellowship Church during the worship service. Rev. Mike Ford of Reformed University Fellowship at the University of Arkansas will be preaching. This service will begin early at 10:30 am.



Our Maundy Thursday service will be Thursday, April 13th, beginning at 6:30 pm. Join us as we remember Jesus' inauguration of the new covenant as he washed his disciples' feet, celebrated the passover with them, and gave the great commandment. Communion will be celebrated during this service.

## Community Calendar

### Walk for the Waiting

A Family Fun Walk and 5K Fundraiser to benefit The Call of Central Arkansas and other organizations will be held Saturday, May 6th, at War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock. Contact Amber Sartain if you are interested. Visit [walkforthewaiting.org](http://walkforthewaiting.org) for more information and to register.



### Faith and Family Night



Dickey-Stephens Park will be hosting its annual Faith and Family Night on Saturday, May 13th. The Arkansas Travelers will be hosting the Springfield Cardinals with Christian musician Matt Maher performing after the game. Game time is set for 5:30 pm with the gates opening at 4:30 pm.

## Student's Spotlight

### RYM Middle School Texas

Remaining balances (\$265/person) for RYM Texas are due Sunday, April 30th. Students and chaperons can now register online at [rymonline.org/mstxregistration](http://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 . . . . . Spring Hill Presbyterian Church; Spring Hill  
Mike Ford . . . . . RUF at the University of Arkansas; Fayetteville  
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Tom and Karen Mirabella . . . . . MTW; Chiba, Japan  
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