

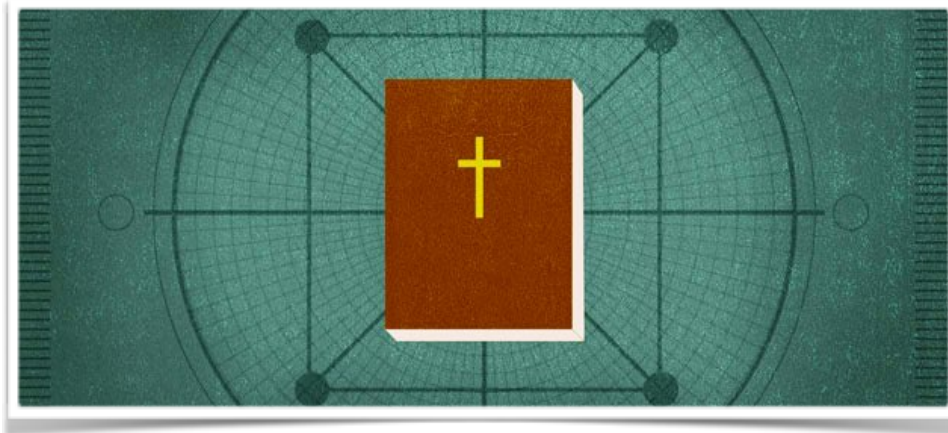
### Our Mission

*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*

### Redemptive Revelation

Have you ever asked yourself, "What is the purpose of the Bible? What is it for, and how does that effect the way I read it?" I've been ruminating on this topic a little more as I peruse the headlines and complete a very insightful book on the discoveries that the Grand Canyon affords to even the casual geologist. I am no geologist, but it's fascinating to read about how God's general revelation (in this case the rock formations and placement) guides our understanding of the natural processes and age of the earth. The beauty of this book is that the authors are professing Christians who stand upon the authority of the Bible. They are well-studied and respected geologists who are willing to make plausible scientific as well as Biblical arguments for our consideration on the age of the earth. Consequently, the book is a strong argument against what is often referred to as "Flood geology". I don't intend to, nor can I, address the topic sensibly with a single article; but after reading about the life-size replica of Noah's Ark in Kentucky, and the recent release of the film "Is Genesis History?" – it has me thinking about the purpose of Scripture and how we approach it.

God is transcendent. He is incomparable and incomprehensible unless he chooses to reveal himself to us his creatures. This personal revelation is in itself an act of his grace. God has revealed his eternal power and divine nature in the microscopic and macroscopic details of the material universe (Rom 1:20-21). God also reveals himself in the governing and care of this creation, along with the moral conscience he has placed in the hearts of men. As image bearers of God, we carry the "seed of religion" - the law of God is written upon our hearts so that there is some sense of moral accountability and justice. The problem is, we don't see this well.

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## Women in the Church

### Ladies' Committee:

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

### Enjoying Him Forever

We are all familiar with the Westminster Catechism question 1. The answer to that question is: the chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. I remember memorizing that when I was in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We were a new family to the reformed tradition. I wasn't too excited about leaving a church and friends that had felt like family to me. And now I had to figure out how to enjoy God. Just what did that mean? Enjoy God. That was hard for an 11 yr old mind to grasp.

Even now, a few decades later – have I learned to enjoy Him? Sure I love Him, but do I enjoy Him?

I think of the things I enjoy. Reading to a toddler. A bouquet of flowers. A strong cup of good coffee (Americano, 1 pump of white chocolate and cream). Sitting by the ocean. A long talk with a friend

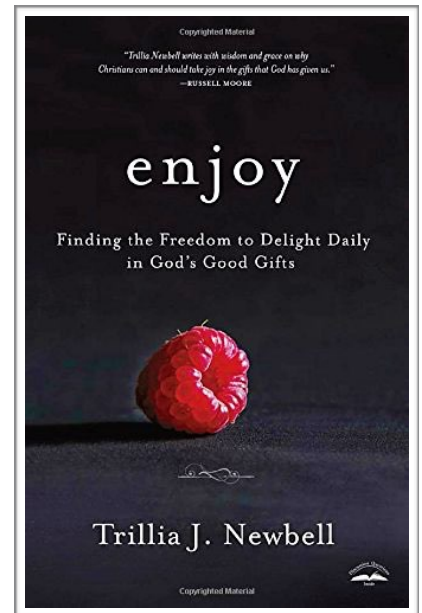
What if we enjoy Him deeper because we are truly enjoying the things He created?

This summer the women of Trinity are going to be studying "Enjoy: Finding the Freedom to Delight Daily in God's Good Gifts" by Trillia Newbell. Our summer Bible study session will begin Wednesday, June 7. We'll meet at the church at 6:30. Every woman of Trinity is invited to join us – even bring a friend, if you'd like – let's pack out the adult Sunday School room! I'm excited to spend Wednesday evenings with the other Trinity women learning how to savor the countless gifts our Creator has given us.

The Women's retreat is later this month. It will be a weekend full of life, food, laughter, God and truth. Please be praying that the women will be blessed, that we'll see a new and exciting facet of God's character as Courtney Reissig speaks to us from Ruth and the Psalms. Pray for Courtney as she prepares her messages. Pray that we'll be united and drink deeply from the well of truth. May He be glorified. We look forward to sharing what He did in the June newsletter.

When God created women, He created a life-giving being. She's someone who has the spirit of wanting to nurture, to see things grow and flourish. She's changed countless diapers, burned a few casseroles in order to keep us fed, and she has the ability to heal a scraped knee with one little kiss. Even when we are grown she's still mothering us – encouraging us when we're down, helping us through disappointments and problems, and cheering for us. That's just what mothers do. We celebrate moms this month. Happy Mother's Day (we wouldn't be half the people we are today without you, Mom).

But I also know some women who aren't mothers in the traditional sense, yet God uses them to nurture and grow His kingdom. They also encourage, help and cheer. You probably have one in your life – she might have been your Sunday School teacher, or a mentor, or the lady that lived down the street (the one who always brought out lemonade when you were done playing tag with your friends – she could sit and talk about God for hours, and she did). Happy Mother's Day (we wouldn't be half the people we are today without you). After all...what's the saying? It takes a village.



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)

Throughout the week, RUF Arkansas offers a number of small group Bible studies. We have 3 different "Gospel Encouragement" groups that meet for 25 minutes at the Greek Theatre. This semester we are meditating on the 10 Commandments. We have guys and girls groups going through the book of James, specifically focusing on trials and suffering. We just completed a book study on *The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness* by Tim Keller (before 9am!!). One of the most enjoyable parts of my job, however, involves the KA frat house where 6-12 dudes come together to study the gospel of John. It's raw, honest, and engaging.

We were studying the story from John 4, where Jesus interacts with a woman at a well. Her life was one full of shame. At the end of the Bible study I asked all the guys, **"How will this passage help you go to Jesus in your shame this week?"** One guy responded:

*"Jesus already knew about her sexual sin and still offered her the water. That's pretty cool. It means I can go to him when I'm tempted and in the shame of my sexual sin. Normally I run away. But if he already knows, and he's still willing to offer water, then it means I should definitely go to him!"*

That led to a gospel-soaked discussion regarding sexual sin - especially as it pertains to the temptations from being in a fraternity. It was awesome. A damn burst and these guys finally realized they're not alone. To see these young men wrestling with temptation and shame and doing so in light of Jesus' interaction with this woman in John 4, well, it fired me up! God is at work.

—Mike



These are all the smiling faces you have supported and encouraged this semester! They're smiling because I told them they couldn't have donuts until we took a group pic. (College students will do anything for free food, am I right?!)



## Birthdays

### May 8

Sarah Breedlove

### May 11

John Thomas Breedlove

### May 12

Howard Gorter

### May 16

Caroline Hollingsworth  
Anna VanGundy

### May 19

Aaliyah Sartain

### May 21

Seth Breedlove  
William Irby

### May 22

Jenny Hollingsworth

### May 24

Laura Lindberg  
Caden Ward

## Anniversaries

### May 15

Kevin and Cheryl  
Breedlove

### May 25

Aaron and Leslie  
Wheat

### May 27

Ben and Beth  
Ward

*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

### May Fellowship Lunch

There will be no Fellowship Lunch in May due to Mother's Day.

### Church Pool Party

Our annual Pool Party will be Saturday, August 5th, from 9:00-11:00 am at the Dowell-Naylor Aquatic Center in Maumelle. Mark your calendars!

## Training Tidbits

### Training Committee:

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

### Sunday School

The final day of Sunday School for the spring is May 21st. There will be no Sunday School on May 28th. Our combined summer Sunday School begins June 4th.

“My feelings are not God. God is God. My feelings do not define truth. God’s word defines truth. My feelings are echoes and responses to what my mind perceives. And sometimes—many times—my feelings are out of sync with the truth. When that happens—and it happens every day in some measure—I try not to bend the truth to justify my imperfect feelings, but rather, I plead with God: Purify my perceptions of your truth and transform my feelings so that they are in sync with the truth.”

— John Piper

## *The Pastor's Column*

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We are fractured image bearers in our sin who must be shown the reality of God as the Creator, and brought back to a knowledge of God as our Redeemer. We need a redemptive revelation that cannot be found in the natural order.

This is where that beautiful Bible that you opened this morning comes in. This is God's redemptive and particular revelation to humanity. It is personal, historical and progressive in nature, and centered upon the person and work of Jesus Christ. The Bible shows us what God must do to repair and restore his image bearers. This he has done and continues to do in Jesus. The very purpose of the Bible is to bring us face-to-face with Christ. Is that before us as we open God's Word together or in private? Is that before us as we consider how to interpret the Bible – seeking to understand the particulars in light of the whole? There are some sound guidelines to biblical interpretation, but we must not forget that the Bible is God's word-and-deed revelation intended to invoke a response from its readers. In fact, the Bible itself is part of God's redemptive work as only the Holy Spirit can "turn on the light bulb" for us to rightly interpret and understand the Scriptures.

So, is the Bible a history book? No, but it tells us some important things about history. Is the Bible a science book? No, but we learn more about God's world and his work in it from the Bible. The Bible shows us what we are to believe concerning God and what he desires of us. We can rightly see God, ourselves and the world only through the Bible. There are many who believe that scientific discovery and the authority of the Bible are at odds, but this is simply not the case. To summarize Augustine in the early 5<sup>th</sup> century, "All truth is God's truth." Whatever good and accountable science discovers we can appreciate as God's handiwork. He's the One who has created and established the processes we study!

The challenge is actually between interpretations of the Bible and interpretations of the sciences. What I have come to appreciate is that Bible-believing brothers and sisters who stand upon the authority, infallibility and inerrancy of the Bible will land at different places in the course of discussion. Did the flood of Genesis 7-8 cover the entire globe? Were there dinosaurs on the Ark? Are we living on an earth that's 6,000 years old or almost 2 billion years old? *I don't believe the Bible answers such questions definitively, nor is it intended to do so even as it informs our posture toward new discovery* (cf. Dt 29:29; Ps 131). So keep reading and studying. The authority and purpose of God's Word is not threatened by good science. Actually, it's reinforced. This is our Father's world and he has redeemed every square inch of it in Christ. May our amazement, wonder and praise only grow through his general and particular revelation!

To the King,

*Brad*

### Greeters and Ushers

**May 7**

Ed Sartain  
Gary Wheat

**May 14**

Kevin Breedlove  
John Thomas Breedlove

**May 21**

Howard Gorter  
Lucas Gorter

**May 28**

John Hensley  
Gabe Hensley

### Nursery Volunteers

**May 7**

Joy Denley

**May 14**

Valerie Plate

**May 21**

Aaliyah Sartain  
Kylie Sartain

**May 28**

Chloe Hensley  
Hannah DeVries

### Liturgist

Darrel Croswell

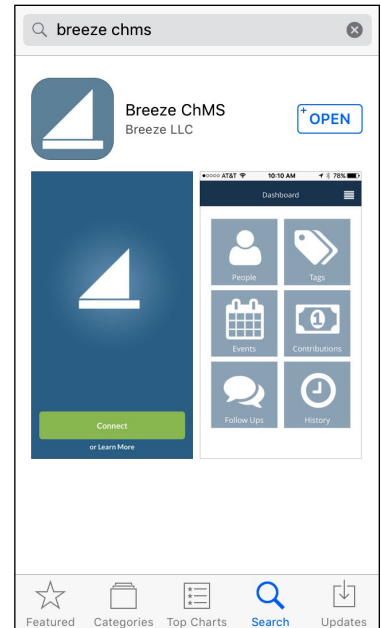
## Bookkeeper Bytes

### Did You Know???

Did you know you can access up-to-date TFC Directory information from your tablet or smart phone? There's an app for iPhone, iPad, and Android users! The database software we use is called Breeze Church Management System. Search for "Breeze CHMS" in the app store. Log in with the same user name and password as our TFC website. You can access phone numbers, e-mails, street addresses, and even a Google map with driving directions!

Did you know you can keep track of your contributions to the church through Breeze, too? Every time you write a check to TFC, whether it is an offering, a mission pledge, payment for a retreat or youth event, it is entered into Breeze. Find yourself in the "people" section and click on "Contributions" in the left-hand column (on a laptop/desktop) or the dollar bill symbol on the top row (on your tablet or phone app). Choose your start and end dates. Click on any entry to see details, such as check number, fund to which it was credited, and memo field notes.

If you need a new invitation to the database, want to update your personal information, or have questions, please e-mail [janet@trinityfellowshipca.org](mailto:janet@trinityfellowshipca.org).



Hello TFC friends,

We are preparing to return to the US for a one-year home mission assignment and are planning to live in Virginia starting from July. We are hoping to find a house to rent for approximately one year. We also will need to find one or two vehicles to use. We will be doing a good bit of traveling to visit supporting churches, so ideally we need inexpensive but reliable vehicles, one of which can seat all seven of us.

If you know of good options for a vehicle please email us at: [tom.mirabella.mtw@gmail.com](mailto:tom.mirabella.mtw@gmail.com).

We hate to leave our home and ministry here in Japan, but we are looking forward to seeing so many friends back in the States. Please keep us in your prayers as we make this transition.

In Christ,  
Tom and Karen Mirabella

Trinity Fellowship Church,

Thank you very much for the flowers sent in memory of my Nannie. She thought so highly of all of you.

With Love,  
Tiffany Keene

## Student's Spotlight

### Summer Schedule

Summer is right around the corner! Mark your calendars for a couple of the many activities on our Summer Youth Schedule:



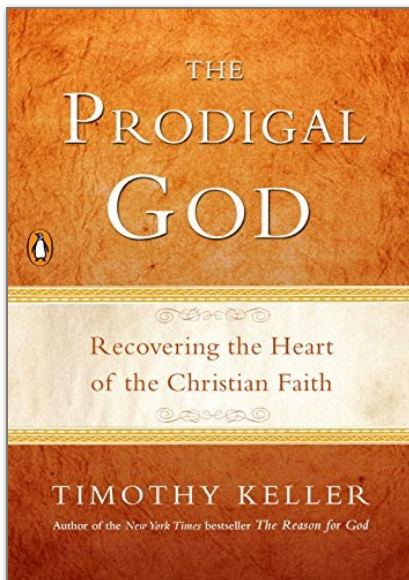
Pizza and a Movie  
Saturday, July 8th at 11:00 am

After grabbing lunch at Larry's Pizza on Bowman, we'll head over to the Rave Theater to see the new Marvel movie *Spider-Man Homecoming*. Cost: \$20.



Travelers Baseball Game  
Friday, July 21st at 7:00 pm

Come out for the ole ball game as the Arkansas Travelers take on the Springfield Cardinals. Cost: \$10.



### Summer Youth Study

On Wednesday evenings throughout the summer, the youth of TFC (ages 13-19) will be studying Luke 15 and Tim Keller's book *The Prodigal God*. Contact Heath if you would like a copy of the book. We are in need of families to host the youth during these sessions. The current schedule is:

Session 1	June 14	Warbritton Home
Session 2	June 21	Host Needed
Session 3	June 28	Host Needed
Session 4	July 19	Host Needed
Session 5	July 26	Host Needed
Session 6	August 2	Host Needed

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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  
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  
Union Rescue Mission . . . . . Little Rock

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