

### Our Mission

*Trinity Fellowship Church exists 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 strives 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 abilities.*



## *The Pastor's Column*

### Gospel Reconciliation

“Is Christ divided?” Paul rhetorically asks the early church. It’s an important question for us today as the bubbles of prejudice continue to surface across the land. From Ferguson to Baltimore to Chicago to San Diego we live in fear of what we do not know or understand. This fear of losing the power, control and comfort we think we are entitled to builds fences between neighbors and walls between nations. Our senses appear heightened to what divides us, with skin color and ethnic heritage as the quickest triggers. This happens in all places, but living in the greater Little Rock community we are keenly aware of the dangers of such prejudice and resulting segregation. This is alive and well in the heart long before it makes the evening news.

We tend to use the gifts of God as means of power and control and so justice is squelched. Oppression, injustice and discrimination stain the story pages of many in our land, and the church has all too often turned a blind eye or deaf ear out of fear. We must remember that the focus of the Gospel is more about “God’s new we” than “God’s new *me*.” He is gathering a people from every tribe, tongue and nation to worship him (Revelation 5:9), so we must rejoice in and pursue this diversity of praise.

The Father’s patience and perfect justice will prevail. The Son has “broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility” (Ephesians 4:14) that stands between us and our Creator, and between us and every man. In the Spirit we now have access to the Father, and are “fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.” (Ephesians 4:19) The Lord God has reconciled us to himself, and now we are ambassadors of this reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18-20).

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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**

When we were young we heard the story of Ruth and Naomi in Sunday School. We thought it was just another nice story and we memorized Ruth's words 'Your people will be my people and your God my God,' from Ruth 1:16. But as I've grown I've come to slowly understand the impact of this small book. Maybe as you've matured this Bible story became real to you, because you can grasp the intense loss and emptiness that Naomi felt when she returned to her homeland. Lost and empty. Waiting, emptiness, loss—I don't know anyone who hasn't had these emotions. But what do you do during those times of pain and suffering when the emptiness grows, the waiting is long and the loss intensifies? It's not an easy answer.

The Trinity women dove into these feelings at the Women's Retreat in May. Our guest speaker, Courtney Reissig, spoke to us from Psalm 73 and the book of Ruth. Courtney gently, yet faithfully, pointed us to the gospel and how, through Christ, God is moving us from emptiness to fullness, from destitute to hope beyond grief.

And it's just amazing to see how God works. Steve Sanford came Sunday morning and spoke to us from Psalm 40 and coached us on waiting for God—seeking to know Him better through it, seeing our circumstances through His viewpoint and waiting for His deliverance in His time.

Laughter, late night conversation, good food and yatzee were sprinkled in between. It was a good retreat.

The Women's Committee met after the retreat and it turns out that we need a little help from the ladies of Trinity. The Committee's basic vision is to glorify God by equipping the women of Trinity, so the ladies can serve Him and others. But are we equipping you, ladies? Are we coming alongside of you so you can be effective in your own ministry? Be looking for that survey soon.

Our summer study will be *Enjoy* by Trillia Newbell. We'll be meeting on Wednesdays at 6:30 at the church. Please join us!!



*Michelle*

## *The Annotated Hymnal*

### “Come, Thou Almighty King”

Ten days after the ascension of Christ and fifty days after his resurrection, the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples on the day of Pentecost. Pentecost was an established Jewish festival also known as the Feast of Weeks, which drew people from many nations back to Jerusalem (Leviticus 23:15-21; Deuteronomy 16:16).

Pentecost symbolizes a new beginning. It celebrates the unleashing of the Holy Spirit on the world and the empowering of the church to reach the world with the gospel. In celebrating Pentecost, the church expresses its gratitude for the faithfulness of Christ in fulfilling his promise to send “another counselor” (John 14:16); celebrates the work of the Spirit in renewing all of creation; professes its confidence and security in knowing the Spirit’s power is available for its mission; and grows in awareness of the immensity of its calling to reach the world with the gospel.

In John 16:7, Jesus tells his disciples that it is to their advantage that he go away, because in doing so, the Helper [Holy Spirit] would come. The Greek word used here for “helper” is the word “paraclete” (Παράκλητος). This word can also be translated as “comforter”. The Holy Spirit is actually “another Helper” or “another Comforter” (John 14:16). The first Comforter is Jesus himself. He is the first Paraclete, as that is the word translated as “advocate” in 1 John 2:1. In the first century, a paraclete was like a modern-day attorney, one who would come alongside people to help them in times of trouble. Jesus is our advocate or paraclete before the Father, who pleads the case of our righteousness in him secured by his blood. The Holy Spirit is our advocate, comforter, or paraclete before the world, who comes alongside us to give us strength and courage when we must stand for Jesus amid hostility and persecution.

Trinity Sunday, which is traditionally celebrated one week after Pentecost, marks the acknowledgment that all three persons of the Trinity exist together from eternity to eternity. Whereas other special services, such as Christmas, Good Friday, and Pentecost, are tied to specific events, this celebration is linked with a doctrine, which is itself a summary of scriptural teaching about God’s being.

*Come, Thou Almighty King* is a fitting hymn for both occasions, as it directly references the Holy Spirit as our comforter (vs. 3) and is Trinitarian in its structure, addressing God the Father (vs. 1), God the Son (vs. 2), and God the Holy Spirit (vs. 3), concluding with a doxology to the Trinity (vs. 4). This anonymous text dates from before 1757, when it was published in a leaflet and bound into the 1757 edition of George Whitefield’s Collection of Hymns for Social Worship. The text appears to be patterned after the British national anthem, *God Save the King*.

### Greeters and Ushers

#### June 4

Boyd Irby  
Christopher Irby

#### June 11

David Lukas  
Ben Lukas

#### June 18

Nick Sartain  
Aiden Sartain

#### June 25

Glenn VanEnk  
AJ VanEnk

### Nursery Volunteers

#### June 4

Joy Denley

#### June 11

Valerie Plate

#### June 18

Janet Gilchrist  
Rebecca Gilchrist

#### June 25

Sharon Plate

### Liturgist

Bill Dempsey

*Come, Thou Almighty King,  
Help us Thy name to sing;  
Help us to praise:  
Father, all glorious,  
O'er all victorious,  
Come, and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days.*

*Come, Thou Incarnate Word,  
Gird on Thy mighty sword;  
Our prayer attend!  
Come, and Thy people bless,  
And give Thy word success:  
Spirit of holiness,  
On us descend.*

*Come, Holy Comforter,  
Thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour!  
Thou, who almighty art,  
Now rule in ev'ry heart,  
And ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of power.*

*To Thee, great One in Three,  
Eternal praises be,  
Hence evermore;  
Thy sovereign majesty  
May we in glory see,  
And to eternity  
Love and adore.*

## Birthdays

### June 1

Sharon Hawk

### June 3

Oliver Hollingsworth

### June 4

Soonhac Hong  
Micah Lindberg

### June 7

John Hawk

### June 10

Oliver Fennema

### June 11

Chloe Fox

### June 14

David Lukas

### June 18

Lydia Breedlove

### June 19

Alice Johnson  
Ben Ward

### June 22

Tamara Hensley

### June 27

Brian Carroll

### June 28

Abigail Fennema  
Greg Fox

## Fellowship Focus

### Fellowship Committee:

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

### June Fellowship Lunch

Our June Fellowship Lunch will be held on Sunday, June 11th, immediately following our worship service. Glenn VanEnk's MCG is responsible for set up and clean up for this month's lunch.

### 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!

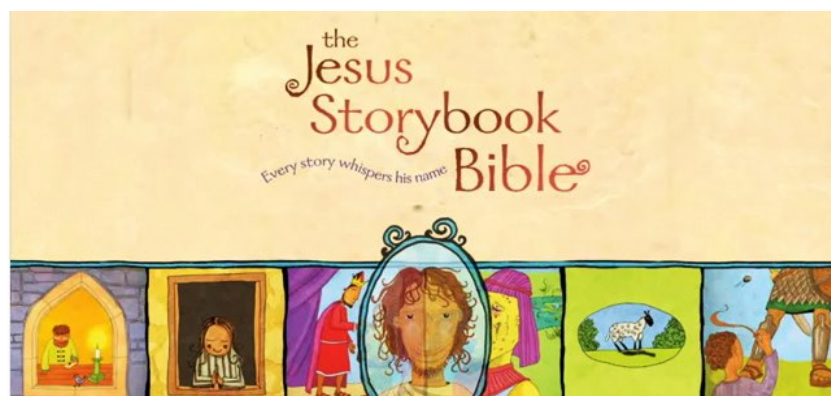
## Training Tidbits

### Training Committee:

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

### Sunday School

Summer Sunday School begins June 4th! The children's summer Sunday School will meet in Classroom 2 and will feature the Jesus Storybook Bible Curriculum led by Michelle Hill. The adult summer Sunday School will meet in the Fellowship Hall and will review the membership vows of the PCA and Trinity Fellowship Church. This class is for long-time members as well as those wishing to join Trinity Fellowship Church.



## *The Pastor's Column*

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We know the refrain so well, “Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight”, but are we willing to face the fear and discomfort that accompanies such a proclamation? Confessing past hurts and pursuing reconciliation and justice with those who have very different stories than our own is a long, slow process. Acknowledging our weakness and our need for the all sufficient grace of God in Christ is an essential step. Reconciliation is risky, but that is what love does. Our weakness and risking discomfort will grow us, for as we share in the sufferings of Christ so will we share in his glory (Romans 8:17).

Get to know your neighbors of every race and ethnic heritage. Be willing to listen and learn their stories. “*The more you know about another person's story, the less possible it is to see that person as your enemy.*” (Parker Palmer). How we relate to our brothers and sisters in the church and our neighbors outside the church is a direct reflection of how we understand the gospel of Christ and his sacrifice. God's full renewal and justice will certainly come and it will not delay (Luke 18:6-8). Let us hope in this; rest in this – and work for this while we wait.

Grace and peace in abundance,

*Brad*

**Men's Ministry** - Opportunities for Bible Study and fellowship with your brothers in the church continue throughout the summer. A small group meets at the Bookends Café on Tuesdays at 11:30 am. This group is working through 2 Timothy. There is also a group meeting at the church on Thursdays mornings at 6:00 am. Starting on June 1st, this time will be spent discussing spiritual disciplines using material from Man in the Mirror. These meeting times are open to all the men of TFC. Please consider joining us!

**Sunday School** - Are you interested in joining the membership of Trinity Fellowship? Have you been a member of the church for awhile? Our summer Sunday school is a great place to be for those wanting to learn more about the church and the importance of membership. It's also a wonderful time for current members to be reminded of their covenant commitment and the responsibilities that come with the membership vows already taken. As a reminder, working through this material does not commit anyone to membership, but it is an important step for those desiring to do so. See you at 9:30 on Sunday!

**Missional Community Groups (MCG)** - MCG's are an important part of life at Trinity Fellowship. It's in these groups that we really get to know one another and share the joys and burdens of life together. These groups will often share a meal, worship and study the Bible together, spend time in prayer, and look for ways to serve others in the church and community. MCG's are arranged geographically, but you are not obligated to join the group closest to you. Check them out and consider how you can be involved in the sustainment and expansion of our MCG's. The current groups with contact information is below and listed in the bulletin each week.

## Anniversaries

### June 6

Rick and Suzie  
Aich

### June 9

Kurt and Lynn  
Lueken

### June 14

Jim and Janet  
Gilchrist

### June 17

Steve and Shirley  
Irby

### June 21

Ken and Sharon  
Hawk

### June 23

Keith and Amy  
Perry

### June 26

Bill and Bernadette  
Dempsey  
Howard and Melissa  
Gorter

### June 28

Brad and Katie  
DeVries

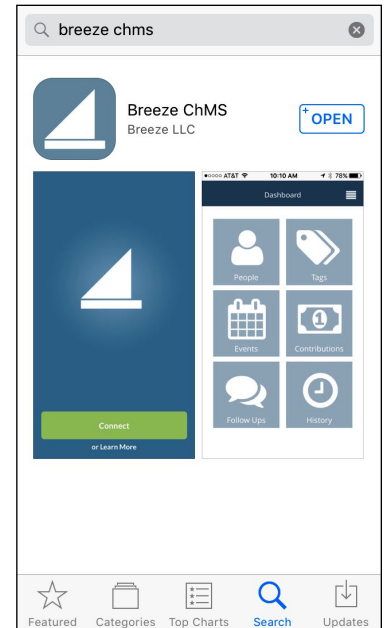
## Bookkeeper Bytes

### 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 email [janet@trinityfellowshipca.org](mailto:janet@trinityfellowshipca.org).



## Session Update

- The roof of the church building was replaced during the end of May after it sustained some hail and wind damage. Praise God that it was covered under our insurance policy.
- In the early part of June, we will have all exterior doors replaced. The new doors will include panic hardware, which will increase security by allowing those inside to exit even while the doors are locked.
- Following the door replacements, we are having the siding and soffit replaced since the wood siding and wood supports beams are starting to look rotted and unsightly. This work should take about a week, but cannot begin until the doors have been replaced.

Please pray for good weather and for safe working conditions for those working on these improvements that we may minister to them.

“According to the world, we love in order to be loved. According to the Word, we love because God first loved us. Whereas the world falls in love, God’s people are established in love. The love that we possess, however, is not a fleeting whim that comes and goes with every mood and circumstance; rather, it is a love that is beyond ourselves. Our love, true love, has meaning, meaning that cannot be stripped away by any thing, any one, or any feeling. Our love cannot be shaken because it is grounded not in self but in sacrifice.”

— Burk Parsons

## 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:



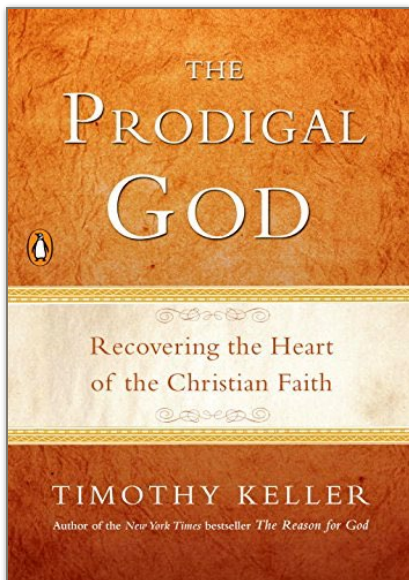
Pizza and a Movie  
Saturday, July 8th at 11:00 am

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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**MISSIONARIES**

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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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