

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

“Trinity FELLOWSHIP Church”

Have you thought about the name of the church recently? Last month we looked at the significance of starting with the word Trinity, so this month a short note on fellowship. When we greet one another before and after worship on Sunday, or spend time together during the week, we are extending the peace and love of Christ to our brothers and sisters. In some worship contexts, you'll find a passing of the peace of Christ to those who have gathered, usually after an assurance of God's forgiveness and mercy. Extending the “peace of Christ” reminds us that it is Christ who brings us together and keeps us together. Our fellowship is in him. We can extend and seek the peace of our brothers and sisters because of the peace that has been extended to us by our Heavenly Father.

Life together in the church requires a loving fellowship. We worship, we come under the preaching of the Word, and we extend a place of peace – of hospitality and rest in a world that is fractured and hurried. Pastor Michael Milton suggests that if a church is to be a place of loving fellowship, it should be a place of hospitality. Let's admit, the Christian journey can be a rough one! We need to be alert to the needs of our brothers and sisters, and provide a place of rest and encouragement. This includes those we see on a weekly basis, but also fellow Christians who may be passing through. Do they feel replenished and served by this local body?

As a church we must also reach out to those who are hurting. Part of a loving fellowship includes meeting people where they are on the journey and extending hope. It may be a time to listen and lament with a brother or sister who needs someone to walk with them. Are we people of presence in a world that does life through a screen? Meeting each other and those passing through with the love of Christ?

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Missionary of the Month

Missions Committee:

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

Mike Fennema - Spring Hill Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 25 was a first for Spring Hill Presbyterian Church. Although we have been meeting together for Bible Study since January, we had not yet celebrated Communion together. We converted the main room of Spring Hill Academy Preschool into a sanctuary. We worshipped together and feasted on the crucified body and shed blood of Jesus. It was a glorious experience. Not only did we remind ourselves of the gospel as proclaimed the death of Christ, but we also grew in our relationship with one another. Celebrating Communion has the uncanny ability to draw us into deeper relationship with one another.



Many people from our Core Group participated in our worship service, including several very talented musicians (one of the benefits of being close to Nashville!). Although God does appreciate any joyful noise from our hearts, it is wonderful when the music can be as beautiful as the words you are singing.

Our family has done a lot of swimming this summer! Our oldest three children were on the local swim team and they had a blast! We also celebrated two birthdays in June (Oliver and Abigail) and a Gotcha Day (Mattie Grace) and two more birthdays (Stephanie and Elliot) in July.

Prayer for our Launch Team. We have formed a Launch Team of committed families who are engaging in mission in Spring Hill. Please pray for us!

Prayer for hearts of evangelism. Please pray for a continued heart of evangelism in reaching our neighbors and others in our webs of relationships for Christ.

Prayer for church growth. Please pray that God would continue to bring to our fellowship believers and non-believers.

Praise for financial provision. Give thanks to God for the ways that he has provided for this church plant financially, but pray for continued and increased financial support. We still have a ways to go.

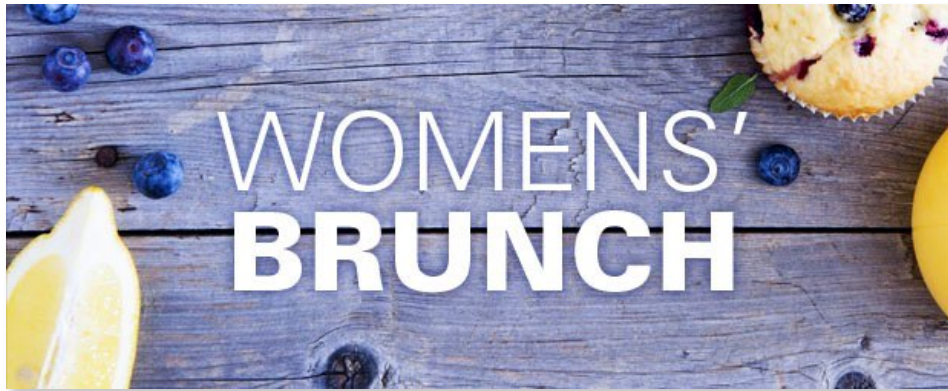
Prayer for our house. We might be able to move into our new house in a few weeks or less. Please pray for that process.

Prayer for healing. Many of our close friends here are experience struggles and are hurting, spiritually, emotionally, and physically. Please pray for their healing.

Ladies of Trinity

Women's Committee:

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



If you've read the Old Testament book of Joshua, you've seen these words: Be strong and courageous, be strong and courageous. These words echo throughout the book. Moses' time leading the Israelites had come to an end and now it was Joshua turn...he had some really big shoes to fill. He had some lessons to learn. And he needed to get God's people to work with him. They needed a "let's do this together" spirit.

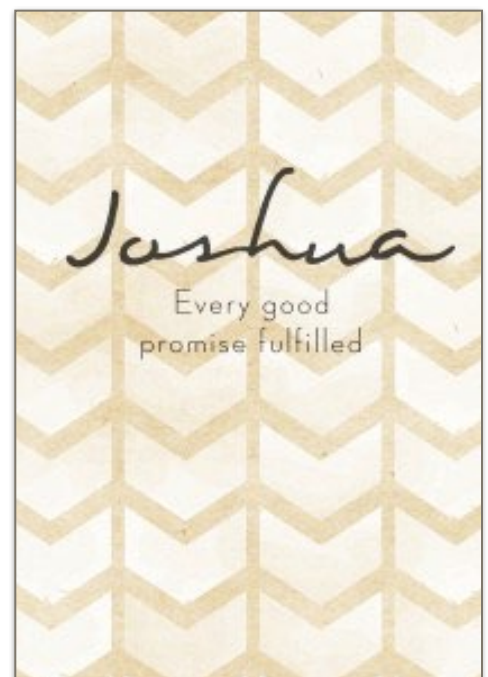
Sometimes courage is linking arms and doing the hard stuff together and loving each other.

It is our goal as the Women's Committee to come alongside the ladies of Trinity. We want to link arms with you as you do the hard stuff in life. We want to love you. We want to see all of us grow deeper in our relationship with God. We do that a couple of ways. One is the Fall Women's Brunch on September 9th beginning at 10:00 am. Please come and enjoy some yummy treats, chat with other ladies of the church, and hear what the committee has planned for this year.

Another way we link arms with you is through the Wednesday Bible Studies. We grow in our relationship with God, but also with each other as we share our lives. This fall we will be studying the book of Joshua. I'm super excited to learn and see how God fulfilled His promises to a people who repeatedly forgot who He was. As we learned in Bible Study this summer, we serve a God who gives us good gifts. We'll continue to taste and see those good gifts through this rich Old Testament book. Bible Studies begin September 20th. You can pick from the morning group (9:00 am) or the evening group (6:30 pm). We'll be going through a study compiled by Jen Wilkin.

Thanks for everyone who filled out the survey back in June. It gave us insights to better come alongside you.

— Michelle



Birthdays

September 1

Jonathon Greer

September 9

Sharon Plate

September 10

Chloe Perry

September 12

Kevin Breedlove

Erika Lueken

Kylie Mirabella

September 18

Melissa Gorter

September 19

Jessica Irby

Zachary Lukas

Keith Perry

Gary Wheat

September 23

Patsy Beatty

Georgia Hollingsworth

September 24

Catherine Gilchrist

September 26

Joshua Breedlove

Janet Gilchrist

Anniversaries

September 11

Boyd and Michelle

Irby

September 19

John and Tamara

Hensley

September 21

Justin Ellis and

Erika Lueken

September 23

Mike and Stephanie

Fennema

Fellowship Focus

Fellowship Committee:

Melissa Gorter, Leah Lukas, Ron Plate (Chair), Heath Warbritton

September Fellowship Lunch

Our September Fellowship Lunch will be held on Sunday, September 10th, immediately following our worship service. Ron Plate's MCG is responsible for set up and clean up for this month's lunch.

Upcoming Fellowship Lunches

There will be no October Fellowship Lunch due to the annual Church Picnic. The Church Picnic will be held Sunday, October 8th, beginning at 4:00 pm at the church. This year's picnic will feature a hot dog and s'mores roast followed by an indoor hymn sing. Mark your calendars!

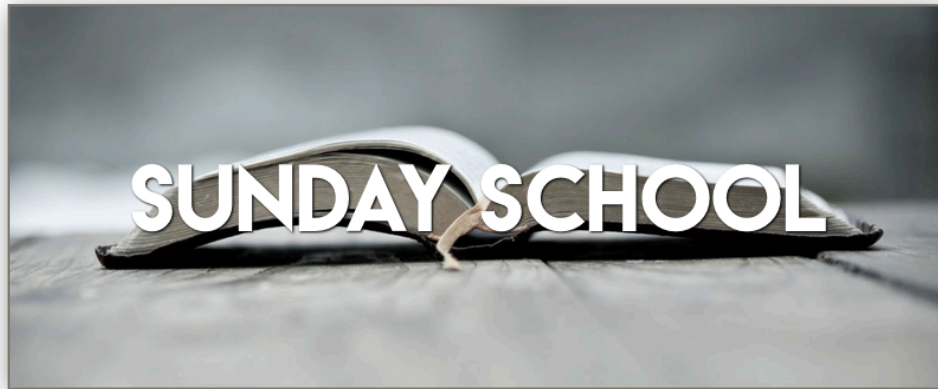
Our November Fellowship Lunch will be a Thanksgiving themed meal. Be on the lookout for a signup in the coming months!

Church Administrator Position: Are you looking for a way to serve in the church that utilizes your office experience or administrative skills? Maybe your home file cabinets and check book are neatly organized (maybe not, but your willing to learn)? Then there is an important position in the life of the church that may be a good fit for you. Our current Administrator is in transition over the next year, and we would like to find someone to come alongside Janet and learn with her in the next several months. Please be in prayer over this position and who the Lord may be prompting to serve in this way. If you have questions about the responsibilities of this position, please talk with Janet Gilchrist or Darrel Crowell. Thank you!

Training Tidbits

Training Committee:

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



There will be no Sunday School on Sunday, September 3rd. Our fall term begins on Sunday, September 10th. Classes are offered for all ages. Our current classes are:

Pre-K and Kindergarten

Ages 2-5*

Taught by John Hensley
Classroom 3

Piper Childress Charlotte Hensley
Zachary Lukas Katherine Hensley

Younger Elementary

Ages 6-7*

Taught by Susan Sanford
Classroom 4

Audrey Lukas Landon Sartain
Hazel Hensley

Middle Elementary

Ages 8-9*

Taught by Lee VanEnk
Classroom 5

Taylor Geaney Lane VanEnk
Caleb Hensley Lydia DeVries
Colin Gorter Preston Gorter
Rachel Gilchrist Austin Sartain

Older Elementary

Ages 10-12*

Taught by Howard Gorter
Classroom 1

Joshua Breedlove Chloe Hensley
Rebecca Gilchrist Joseph Geaney
Aiden Sartain Hannah DeVries
Caleb Breedlove Sophia Hensley
Aaliyah Sartain Jessica Irby
Lucas Gorter Ben Lukas

Kylie Sartain

Youth

Ages 13-18*

Taught by Heath Warbritton
Classroom 7

Abigail Breedlove AJ VanEnk
Mary Greer John Thomas Breedlove
Jessica VanEnk Christopher Irby
Calvin Greer Sarah Breedlove
Gabe Hensley Nathaniel DeVries

Adult

Taught by the Session of TFC
Classroom 2

Please see page 6
for more information.

**Age as of September 1st, 2017*

Adult Sunday School

Taught by Brad DeVries,
Darrel Croswell, Bill Dempsey,
Ron Plate, and Glenn VanEnk

The Adult Sunday school class will meet upstairs in Classroom 2 starting on September 10th. Over the course of the year, we will be taking a closer look at God's plan of redemption through history, a plan that has the person and work of Jesus at its center. We will begin with an Old Testament survey using the acronym CASKET as our tool, followed by the acronym EMPTY to take us through the New Testament. We'll

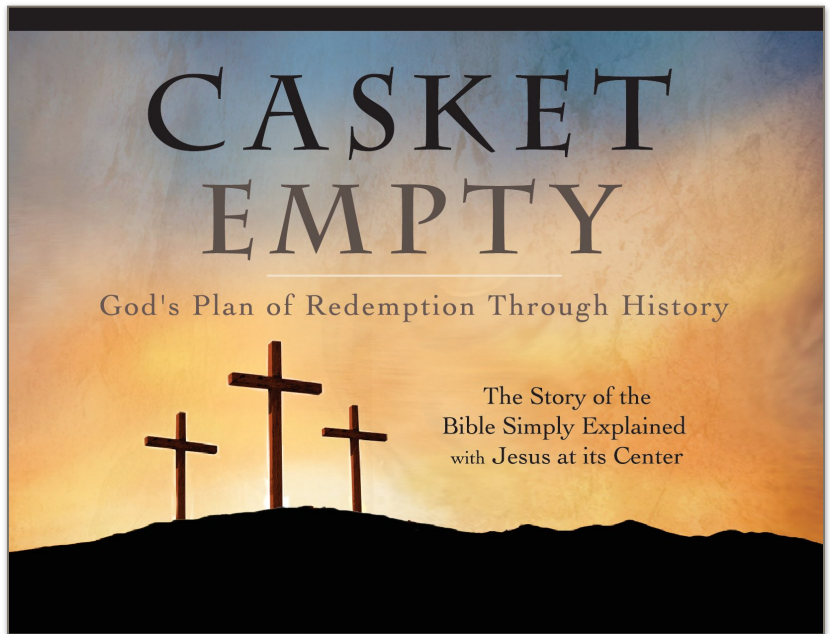
move at a good pace, but dive below the surface along the way highlighting key passages and discussing interpretive issues. Bring your Bibles and join us at 9:30 on Sundays!

About CASKET EMPTY:

The first part of this study will help you understand the redemptive story of the Old Testament through six major periods: Creation, Abraham, Sinai, Kings, Exile, and Temple, with the first letter of each heading making up the word CASKET. This acronym will enable you to memorize the storyline of the Old Testament and place key events, people, and biblical books in their correct time period. The author takes you through each period step by step, explaining the major covenants and highlighting the most important people, events, and biblical themes. As you become familiar with the storyline of the Old Testament you will learn that God's redemptive plan is climactically fulfilled in the New Testament with the coming Messiah.

The second part of this study will help you understand the redemptive story of the New Testament through six major periods: Expectations, Messiah, Pentecost, Teachings and Yet-to-come, with the first letter of each heading making up the word EMPTY. The acronym EMPTY will enable you to grasp the storyline of the New Testament, and place key people, events, and the New Testament letters in their correct time period. The author takes you through each redemptive period, explaining how Jesus marks the fulfillment of God's promises of old, and how the exalted Jesus continues his mission through his disciples empowered by the Holy Spirit.

The acronym for the entire Bible is CASKET EMPTY, therefore, which points to the empty tomb of Jesus as the beginning of God's new creation, the assurance that death has been defeated, and the guarantee of our resurrection yet to come. Through the acronym CASKET EMPTY you will have a framework for remembering the entire sweep of the Bible with the person and work of Christ at the center.



The Pastor's Column

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A loving fellowship also means that we are a people—a church—where praise and thanksgiving abound. We thank the Lord for the gifts he has given and encourage one another in the use of those gifts. This affirmation and encouragement should be contagious in the church. Pastor Milton says pointedly, *“The bottom line for a church is this: if people aren’t thanking God for the courage, for the blessing they are receiving from that church, than what use is it?”* May we be a source of courage and strength; a place of loving fellowship for the saints on this journey of faith.

Grace and peace in abundance,

Brad

Communicant’s Course: Parents, are your children growing in the faith? Do they have a desire to affirm the promises of God in their baptism? Maybe they are expressing a greater interest in the life and practices of the of church and would like to join us at the Lord’s Table? Come talk with Brad about the “Follow Me” communicant’s course for you and your children. Instead of a formal class that pulls our students out of their regular Sunday school classes, or schedules another meeting during the week, this is designed to be "take home" material for your child or student to complete. As parents you are asked to review the lessons, or better yet, work through the lessons with your child or student. Once the booklet is complete, set up a time for you and your child or student to review with the Pastor. The session of the church continues to pray for you and the covenant children entrusted to our care.

[Note: This is not age dependent, but the material does require substantial reading and the ability to look up passages and interact with the Bible and the WCF]

Greeters and Ushers

September 3

Glenn VanEnk
AJ VanEnk

September 10

Josh Childress
Jim Gilchrist

September 17

Ed Sartain
Gary Wheat

September 24

Kevin Breedlove
John Thomas Breedlove

Nursery Volunteers

September 3

Joy Denley

September 10

Valerie Plate

September 17

Aaliyah Sartain
Kylie Sartain

September 24

Hannah DeVries
Sophia Hensley

Liturgist

Darrel Crowell



Throughout the month of September, we will be receiving pledges for our Faith Promise. Faith Promise is a pledge of trust that God will enable the believer to give, over and above the tithe and regular offerings, to the world missions' ministry of the Church an amount he does not actually have, then praying that God will supply it. This is in distinction to tithing—giving from resources already provided.

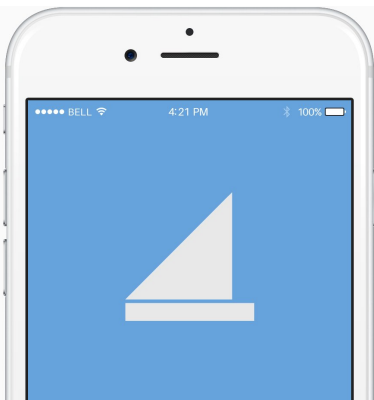
The basis for tithing is obedience. The basis for Faith Promise giving is faith. The Scriptural pattern for Faith Promise giving is found throughout the Bible, but perhaps most clearly displayed by the Macedonian Church described in 2 Corinthians 8: "...they gave of themselves as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability..."; about which the Apostle Paul exhorts: "...see that you also excel in this grace of giving... your plenty will supply what they need..." (verses 3, 7, 14). Just as we have faith God will save His elect, through faith we provide support for the spreading of the gospel at home and around the world.

Pledge cards will be distributed to the congregation asking for prayerful consideration of support for the missions outreach of Trinity Fellowship Church. Support comes in three ways: prayer, physical support of programs and activities, and financial Contributions

Based on the pledged amounts, a support budget is established for the following calendar year and missionaries are informed as to what level of contributions they can expect from Trinity Fellowship Church for that year. Please be in prayer as to how God would have you give to support the local and global outreach of Trinity Fellowship Church.

TFC Breeze App

Now you can access the church directory, your contribution records, and more from your iOS or Android device by downloading the Breeze app for free in the App Store or Google Play! In either the App Store or Google Play, search for and download "Breeze CHMS".



After downloading the app, tap on "Connect", enter "TFC" as the Church ID, then sign in with your username and password. You will remain signed in on the app until you choose to log out. This is especially helpful if you have trouble remembering your Breeze username and password! Once you are logged in, you will be able to view the entire directory as well as the online calendar. More functions will be available in the coming months.

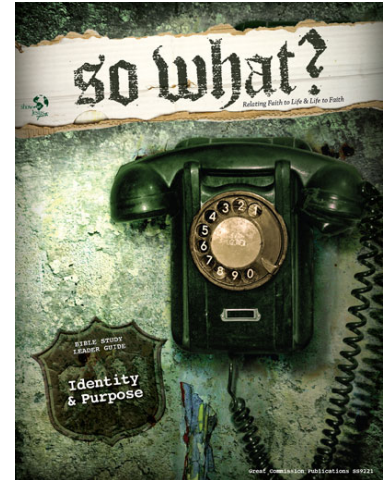
If you have not received an invite to join Breeze, please contact Janet Gilchrist. Any questions regarding the app itself should be directed to Heath Warbritton.

Student's Spotlight

Upcoming Events

This year in Sunday School, we will be looking at how we develop a Biblical worldview. In the fall, we will look at "Identity and Purpose", asking questions such as, "Who am I?", "Where am I going?", "What is the true source of brokenness around us?", and many more. In the spring, our study will focus on "The Christian Mind". All students ages 13-18 are welcome to join us for doughnuts and study every Sunday morning.

Our next Fifth Sunday Youth Fellowship will be Sunday, October 29th after the worship service. Our group will be putting our problem-solving skills to the test as we work as a team to conquer the Central Arkansas Escape Rooms! More details will be available in the October newsletter.



Mailing Address for Donovan VanEnk (Cards and letters ONLY)

PV2, VANENK, DONAVON
3 PLT, B CO 3-60th INF REG
5500 Marion Ave.
Fort Jackson, SC 29207

***The left lower triangular corner of envelop should be colored blue.*

“Marriage, a picture of love between one man and one woman, is at the heart of the biblical story of God’s love. Therefore, marriage matters for a whole host of reasons. It matters because God created it, not society, and therefore God and God alone defines it. It matters because it’s a picture of God’s gospel love, hard-wired into creation. Change or redefine marriage, and you’ve gone a long way toward defacing and obscuring one of the most significant common-grace pointers to the love of God in Christ...The story of God’s love is a story about marriage.”

— Michael Lawrence

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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
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