

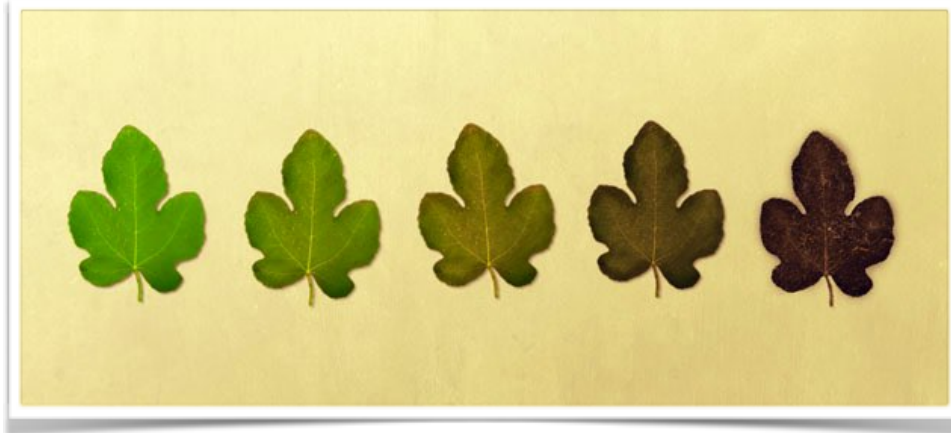
Our Mission

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

“Chasing Dragonflies”

*O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
Psalm 104:24*

Last week we made a family trip to Petit Jean State Park with our pop-up camper in tow. I had not made reservations, so we were hoping that there would be an overflow spot or two. Thankfully there was, and we enjoyed a couple of nights by the water and exploring the hiking trails that this popular park has to offer. We gazed out for miles at the overlooks, squeezed between rock formations and tripped over exposed roots along the trails. We saw butterflies, beetles, spiders, walking sticks, a few birds and an armadillo scrounging for grubs. I thought to myself, “How easy it is to ignore these creatures, or to overlook the landscape dotted with boulders and trees in various stages of decay.” The Lord really paints a beautiful landscape in the midst of dead and dying things, and this trip was a great opportunity to take in a fresh dose of gratitude and wonder along with the cooling autumn air.

I was also intrigued that from above, there was not the diversity in color that I expected among the trees. Maybe it's still coming with the dry Arkansas autumn, but when we took to the trail the colors were far more apparent. Another good reminder for me. Not only do I need to be patient for the rewards of the season, but I need to look closely, explore what is not easily seen, look underneath to see the beauty in what God is doing in His church and in the world around me. He is faithful, his is merciful and he is continuing his good work. More reason to be thankful.

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Ladies of Trinity

Women's Committee:

Diane Buck, Tamara Hensley, Michelle Hill (Chair), Susan Sanford

A close friend recently asked me about the importance of church attendance for children. With the recent sermon focus on the church and our key beliefs, I thought it beneficial to share a portion of our communications with my brothers and sisters here at Trinity.

The questions were:

I wonder why it is so important to you? (for my children to attend church and to continue to attend into young adulthood)

Why is it you want young people to go to church?

Practically speaking, what do you think it adds to their lives?

In one of her 20 Principles of Education Charlotte Mason would "allow no separation to grow up between the intellectual and 'spiritual' life of the children." A paraphrase by L. N. Laurio that contemporizes this idea states, "We teach children that all truths are God's truths, and that secular subjects are just as divine as religious ones. Children don't go back and forth between two worlds when they focus on God and then their school subjects; there is unity among both because both are of God and, whatever children study or do, God is always with them."

Mason asserts that God is the "Imparter of Knowledge, the Instructor of youth, the Inspirer of genius," even if the one inspired recognizes where the inspiration comes from or not. I agree with her. As their mother and teacher, it is important that my children have a place outside of their home that is an extension of the teaching, love and nurture we provide for them inside their home. More importantly because God is their Supreme teacher I have a moral obligation to allow access to Him as frequently and abundantly as possible.

According to Dr. Martyn Lloyd Jones (MLJ) an essential purpose of the church is to remind people of their history with God. The Bible is not a record of man and his accomplishments or his actions throughout history. It is not just a teaching or a list of rules or a philosophy of ideas. It is a great history. God's history. What He has done, the actions and events of God, not that of man. Quite simply, a vital task of the church is to remind us of who God is, what He has done, what He is doing and what He will do.

In answer to the first two questions it is important to me for the above reasons. I want them to know and be taught about who God is, both now and when they leave our home. I understand that man is imperfect and can and will taint the message of God, but I know that in spite of us God rules supreme and His truth will triumph. And if my children make it a practice to read the Bible daily on their own as we are teaching them to do the Holy Spirit will guide them in discernment.

I am continually amazed at the workings of this great God of the universe. I was preparing for facilitating our ladies bible study on Joshua and as MLJ is an exceptional preacher I thought I would see what he might have to offer on this book of the Bible. He preached on the purpose of the church and how we are to set up stones of remembrance to remind and teach our children of the things God has done. "Science of Relations!," a Charlotte Mason principle my children will hear me saying at least weekly, often daily, in our home. She asks and answers:

"On what does Fulness of Living depend? ---What is education after all? An answer lies in the phrase--- Education is the Science of Relations What we are concerned with is the fact that we personally have relations with all that there is in the present, all that there has been in the past, and all that there will be in the future—with all above us and all about us—and that fullness of living, expansion, expression, and serviceableness, for each of us, depend upon how far we apprehend these relationships and how many of them we lay hold of." (School Education, p. 185-186)

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Ladies of Trinity

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And of the question as to what church going adds to their lives I would say it adds much! We are a fickle and quite forgetful people. With others who believe in the God of the Bible we gather together and talk and marvel of the things He has done. We reflect on His goodness and faithfulness. We are in awe of His majesty. We remind and are reminded of His amazing grace, tender mercy and great love. We reminisce of His mighty works. We are comforted in sorrow. We find forgiveness. We discover clarity in how we ought to live and be. We receive instruction from His very word. We worship the God we love...together.

Thank you, Trinity, for being a testimony of this to us and our children.

— Tamara



2017 Fall Brunch

Parents' Night Out (PNO) is a monthly ministry outreach of the Ladies Committee for parents of young children. The aims of this ministry are to encourage couples to strengthen their marriages by having a regular "Date Night" with their spouse and to allow single parents (or those with deployed spouses) an opportunity to recharge in order to more effectively parent. We realize that it can be difficult to maintain these healthy habits due to concerns about finding a trustworthy babysitter or the expense of babysitting added to the cost of a night out, so we provide a meal and childcare for your children.

As of this printing, we still need childcare and food for the PNO scheduled for November 18th. A signup sheet is located in the church narthex.

In December, PNO will be held on Saturday the 16th, at a special time from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. This extended PNO will allow parents to finish any last-minute Christmas shopping or to have one last date lunch before the busy holiday season.

Birthdays

November 4

Paul Bush
John Hensley

November 10

Dawn Fielder
Aaron Lindberg

November 13

Brandi Childress
Benjamin VanGundy

November 14

Gideon Breedlove
Caleb Hensley

November 16

Nick Sartain

November 18

Judith Moseley

November 21

Cle Irby

November 26

Rick Aich

Fellowship Focus

Fellowship Committee:

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



Thanksgiving Fellowship Lunch

There will be a special Thanksgiving Fellowship Lunch on Sunday, November 12th. We are in need of volunteers to provide Thanksgiving favorites for the meal. Please visit the church website to view requested items and to sign up. The deadline to sign up is Monday, November 6th.

Church Christmas Party

There will be no Fellowship Lunch in December due to the annual Church Christmas Party. This year's party will be held on Sunday, December 3rd, beginning at 5:30 pm at the church. The meal will be catered by Two Sisters. Menu options and sign ups will be announced in the coming weeks. Mark your calendars!



2017 Hymn Sing

The Pastor's Column

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This trip reminded me of a bike ride I took with my son not too long ago. The trail, which could be used by anything without a motor, was wide and lined with yellow and purple wild flowers. We weren't the only wild creatures on the trail and in the area. In this case, it was one particular ladybug and dragonfly that captivated me. Pedaling over the rocks and weeds that covered the trail, this dragonfly had a bluish green body with white wing tips. It flew ahead of me just below eye level and within about 2 feet of my front tire. It would slow until I thought I might actually run over it, and then dart ahead again. Almost as if it was playing a game with me. This little insect was begging me to catch up with it, or maybe leading me down the path. Come this way! There's lot's to be seen!

I caught the ladybug in my peripheral vision on the return trip. This little creature was on my left, again at eye level. It was flying the same speed that I was riding, and I was riding at a pretty good clip! I glanced over at this ladybug and thought, "Wow, you get this perspective every time you lift off!" There are plenty of ladybugs and dragonflies around if we care to look and are willing to see. We can marvel at the beauty of God's creation, and probably should more often. It will teach us more of the imagination and beauty of our Creator and his interest in all that He has made.

If He delights in every wildflower, walking stick, armadillo, ladybug and dragonfly – consider His delight in you, the crown jewel of His creation! May the beauty of these autumn days and every season compel us to cherish our God and give him thanks. I am so thankful for the grace of our God, and thankful to share this journey of faith with each of you at TFC. In the changes of each season, we have much to be thankful for and I look forward to practicing that with you this month. A heart of gratitude and worship is captured well in an early hymn of the church: *Fairest Lord Jesus! Ruler of all nature! O Thou of God and man the Son! Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou my souls glory, joy and crown!*

Go ahead, try to catch a dragonfly.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Brad

Greeters and Ushers

November 5

Glenn VanEnk
AJ VanEnk

November 12

Josh Childress
Jim Gilchrist

November 19

Ed Sartain
Gary Wheat

November 26

Kevin Breedlove
John Thomas Breedlove

Nursery Volunteers

November 5

Joy Denley

November 12

Kylie Sartain
Aaliyah Sartain

November 19

Volunteer Needed

November 26

Brandi Childress

Liturgist

Ron Plate

Missionary of the Month

Missions Committee:

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

Del Farris - MNA Chaplain Ministries

Del continues in his role as the Associate Director for Civilian Chaplains for the PRCC (Presbyterian and Reformed Commission on Chaplains). He visits, encourages and supports military and civilian chaplains endorsed by the denomination and advocates for this unique call through preaching, teaching etc. It's a position that generally requires a fair amount of travel. Hazel is in the process of getting her counseling license in the state of Georgia and hopes to use this gift more as they settle down.

It has certainly been a season of change for Del and Hazel. They moved from Little Rock to St. Louis in early summer, but after looking for a place to live believed the Lord was saying "no" to St. Louis and "yes" to Georgia to be near Hazel's mother. They moved to Georgia in late July, thankful to be living in a home after 3 months in a motor home. Although they discovered a great deal of damage to their belongings from the move, and have incurred some unexpected expenses, they are thankful for the Lord's provision and are excited about what is ahead. Please keep Del and Hazel in your prayers:

- Give thanks and praise for God's provision through some large donations this spring, and continue to pray for more donors.
- Guidance and wisdom with finances after the double move.
- Hazel's counseling certification and opportunity to counsel more often.
- Praise for the time they get to spend with Hazel's mother, Norma.

On behalf of the Missions Committee, thank you to all who pledged to support the missions outreach of Trinity Fellowship Church through Faith Promise!

Training Tidbits

Training Committee:

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

There will be no Sunday School on November 26th. In lieu of Sunday School, we will have our annual Chrismon Program. All Sunday School classes will be dismissed on December 17th due to the Christmas Program. Rehearsals for all children's classes begin Sunday, November 19th. There will be no Sunday School on December 24th and December 31st due to the Christmas break.

Student's Spotlight

Fifth Sunday Youth Fellowship

On Sunday, October 29th, the youth of TFC had a special Fifth Sunday Youth Fellowship at Central Arkansas Escape Rooms. Using our wits (and a few hints), we were able to avert disaster and solve The Missile Silo room! Not bad for a group of new recruits! Our next Fifth Sunday Youth Fellowship will be December 31st. More details about that event will be in the December Newsletter.

Covenant Presbytery Youth Conference

During the weekend of December 1st, TFC will send it's largest group ever to the Covenant Presbytery Youth Conference (CPYC), held at Victory Ranch in Bolivar, TN. CPYC is a yearly conference specifically for the youth of all PCA churches in the bounds of Covenant Presbytery, which includes West Tennessee, North Mississippi, and most of Arkansas. This year's theme is "Life in the Son", focusing on our union with Christ through the lens of justification, adoption, and sanctification. Rev. Justin Jones of Grace Community Church PCA in Cordova, TN will be the featured speaker. Saturday activities at Victory Ranch include outdoor laser tag, pamper pole, giant swing, ropes course, and zip lines.

2018 RYM Summer Conferences

It's time to start marking calendars for our 2018 RYM Summer Conferences! This year, we will be offering two conferences for middle school and high school. For middle school (rising 6th to rising 9th graders), we will be once again making the trek to Allaso Ranch in Hawkins, TX from June 4th-8th. Cost for MSTX is \$375. For our high school group, we will be offering either a Florida or Colorado option. More details coming soon. RYM registration begins the final week of January, so start making plans now!



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Dan Anderson Central Presbyterian Church; Little Rock
Del Farris MNA Chaplain Ministries; St. Louis
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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