



# TRINITY VISION

APRIL 2024

## Perseverance

In the beginning, miracles don't look like miracles; they look like problems, difficulties, uncertainties, failures, and pain. However, when our heart is in something, God has a way of turning our problems, difficulties, uncertainties, failures, and pain - into miracles. When our heart is truly in something, nobody can dissuade us or run us away from it. We simply cannot quit. However, when our heart ain't in something, (That's good English!) then one excuse to quit is just as good as another. Sometimes, the difference between failure and miracles can be summarized in one word: Perseverance.

Speaking of perseverance, I am reminded of something Pastor Max McCord's daughter recently posted about him on Facebook. (More about this in a moment) Max is one of my Heroes of the Faith. I've known who he was for the vast majority of my life. However, I've gotten to know him on a much more personal level during the past twenty - twenty-five years. Some fifty-plus years ago, God selected Max to become the founding pastor of Rosemont Baptist Church in LaGrange, Georgia. Until just a few years ago, Max was the only pastor the church ever had. Max was at the helm as God grew the church from a handful of people meeting under his carport - to a church that averages well over 600 people in attendance

every Sunday. I'm positive that one word was prominent in this miracle: Perseverance!

Regarding the Facebook post I mentioned, his daughter posted: "My dad celebrated 63 years in the ministry yesterday. One day before this ministry anniversary, he was conducting a funeral - as beautifully as he ever has - with sincere and comforting love for the people he was serving - which has always been one of his greatest strengths. He sent our family this text this morning and I thought I would share it here and also convey to our church family how much his years in ministry mean to him still today: 'Hey Big Fam! Forgot to tell you yesterday, March 26, 1961, I was ordained to preach. 63 years ago! The ministry dominated our lives! I am grateful to Mimi and my 3 precious girls for their devotion and sacrifice! And it was a tremendous sacrifice! I love them for it and God does also! Just look at the kids He blessed us with! Love y'all!' We wouldn't trade the experiences we had for the world."

One phrase in Max's note captivated my attention: "... **The ministry dominated our lives...**" As he and his wife Marion started their journey under their carport with just a handful of people, it would have been hard to visualize a congregation averaging over 600 people in

attendance every Sunday. This miracle didn't start out looking like a miracle! When it started, it looked like problems, difficulties, uncertainties, failures, and pain. Oh, but when our heart is in something, God has a way of turning our problems, difficulties, uncertainties, failures, and pain into miracles. Nobody could dissuade him and Miss Marion, or run them away from it. They persevered!

Today, perseverance in both the church and the secular world is in short supply. The level of commitment Max spoke about when he said, "... The ministry dominated our lives ..." seemingly no longer exists today. I'm afraid ministry is now something we choose to do when we have nothing more important or pressing to do. I wonder exactly when we allowed the ministry to stop dominating our lives and become optional.

A successful ministry doesn't start out looking like a successful ministry. However, if our heart is in it, we will not allow anybody to dissuade us or run us away from it. But if our heart ain't in it - then one excuse to quit is just as good as another. Remember, sometimes the difference between failure and miracles can be summarized in one word: Perseverance.

Brother Aaron



# CHURCH NEWS



## Sunday School:

We would like to invite you to join us in Sunday School at 9:15am each Sunday morning. Please feel free to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us. We look forward to seeing you.



## Choir Notes:

*"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing.."* *Psalms 100:1-2*

Thank you all for the time and dedication to the Easter Cantata! I couldn't be more pleased! Now we will begin preparing for the Homecoming service. I am also excited to participate with the mass choir in the City Wide Revival this week! I want to invite anyone interested in joining the choir to come sing with us on Wednesday night at 7:30 for practice. Thank you all for taking the time to sing His praises! I love you all!

Blessings,  
Mandy



## MissionMakers:

First, a BIG Thank you to all who contributed to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering in March. As each of you knows 100% of your donations go directly to the mission field. Every penny is well spent and much needed. For the month of April, it is Trinity's turn to collect for the Randolph Baptist Association's Food Pantry. The following items will be given to those who are financially insecure during these trying times. If you can just provide one of the items listed below and bring it to the old fellowship hall and drop it in the collection boxes provided, it would help a family in Randolph County have things that we consider necessities.

**Needed Items: Bars of Soap, Shampoo, Deodorant, Body Wash, and Toothpaste.**

Thank you,  
Iris & Sandra

## Young At Heart:

Hello to all the Young at Heart.



Hope you all are enjoying these beautiful spring days. I just love spring and watching everything come to life. God was such a perfect creator. Don't you love walking around your yard and looking at all the buds popping out on your plants? Everything is taking on new life. We discussed in our March meeting about things to do in April. Since there is so much going on during April, we have decided to cancel the Young at Heart. Therefore, there will be no meeting in April. I will look forward to seeing you in May. Hope you are able to get out and enjoy our spring weather.

Love you all,  
Rhonda



Our Youth group is beginning to show signs of spring fever. They are ready for warmer days, vacations, and time away from the hustle and bustle of school events. One, in particular, is ready to walk across the stage and graduate! More on that later. In the meantime, we have enjoyed having new faces with us in our youth group. We look forward to seeing them and all our youth on Sunday morning and Wednesday night. In our time together we learn from Biblical lessons and share regarding multiple topics, people, things, and issues that are germane to our youth. Our youth are taught that no matter what, God has a plan for each of them and they shouldn't allow their circumstances to prevent them from seeking and spending time with God daily.

So, please invite your grandkids and neighbors to join us at 9:15 am Sunday and 6:30 pm Wednesday.

Tommy Jeter  
Youth Director



# VOLUNTEERS



## **Deacon of the Month for April: Allen Ramsey (334) 885-0433**

### **Children's Church:**

- Apr 07 Susan Smith
- Apr 14 Ginger Head
- Apr 21 Peggy Mitchum
- Apr 28 Ann Maie Pruitt

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, please contact Peggy Mitchum or call another committee member and trade.

### **Counting Committee:**

- Apr 07 Sandra Webb & Becky Hill
- Apr 14 Fred Hill & Matthew Mote
- Apr 21 Iris Shurick & Michelle Fetner
- Apr 28 Mandi Greer & Teresa Farmer

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, please call another committee member and trade. This is a vital service that needs to be covered each Sunday.

### **Flowers:**

- Apr 07 Open
- Apr 14 In Memory of Tennille Smith by Ann Smith & Family
- Apr 21 In Honor of Robin Reid for Secretaries week.
- Apr 28 In Memory of Paul & Wanda Belcher and William & Elise Cotter by Harold & Teresa Cotter

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, please contact Teresa Farmer or call another committee member and trade.

### **Greeters:**

- Apr 07 Dianne Warren
- Apr 14 Brenda Lee
- Apr 21 Tammy Ramsey
- Apr 28 Teresa Cotter

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, please contact Teresa Cotter or call another committee member and trade.

### **Nursery Workers:**

- Apr 07 Millie Greer & Brenda Jeter
- Apr 14 Cindy Reese & Kylie King
- Apr 21 Mandi Greer & Claire Orr
- Apr 28 Teresa & Keith Farmer

If you are unable to serve on your designated day, please trade with another team member for that day. Please help us keep this vital ministry staffed.

### **Ushers:**

- Apr 07 Keith Farmer & David Harmon
- Apr 14 Daniel Fetner & Cody Cottle
- Apr 21 Tommy Jeter & Michael Swann
- Apr 28 Daryl Harmon & Harold Cotter

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, please contact Teresa Cotter or call another committee member and trade.

### **All Ministry Leaders:**

If you would like to announce a meeting or upcoming event in the Church Bulletin or Newsletter, please get that information to Robin Reid a minimum of two weeks prior to the event. You may send it to her via email at: Trinity2@teleclipse.net or call her at (334) 863-8129.

Don't forget to check the mailboxes for the Ministry Leaders located in the Old Fellowship Hall Kitchen.

### **Church Prayer Team:**

If you are interested in joining our Wednesday Morning **Prayer Team**, that meets every Wed. at 11:00am in the Old Fellowship Hall, please contact Bro. Aaron or the Church office. We'd love to have you join us.

### **Church Choir:**

If you are you interested in joining the choir, they meet every Wed. evening at 7:30pm in the Choir Room. All are welcome. Please contact **Mandy Whaley** if you have any questions.



### **Sunday:**

- 8:30-9am (EST) WTRP 620AM
- 8:30-9am (EST) WTRP 98.9FM
- 8:30-9am (EST) WRLA 1490AM
- 8:30-9am (EST) WRLA 92.3FM
- 8:30-9:30am (CST) WELR 102.3FM

### **Thursday:**

- 11-11:30pm (CST) WELR 102.3FM

### **Friday:**

- 1:30-2pm (CST) WBSA 1300AM
- 1:30-2pm (CST) WBSA 93.5FM
- 6-6:30pm (EST) WOAK 90.9FM

### **Internet:**

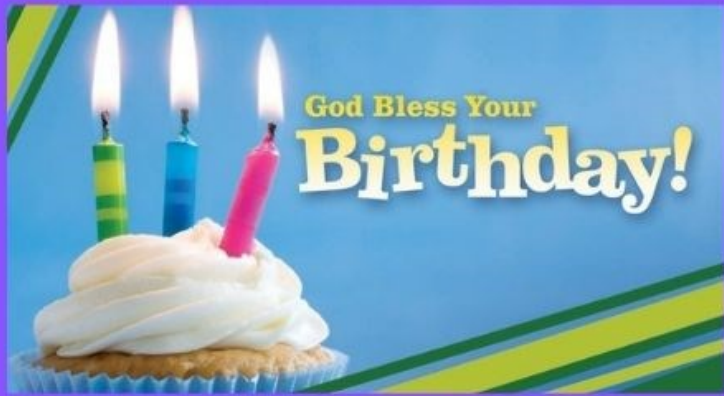
Bro. Aaron's sermons may be heard at any time by going to: [www.freshfireministries.com](http://www.freshfireministries.com) or [www.tbcroanokeal.org](http://www.tbcroanokeal.org) and clicking "Media" and scrolling down and clicking on 'Brother Aaron's Sermon Archives.'



# INFORMATION

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

- 1 Mandi Greer
- 2 Nina Rouse
- 3 Kristie Worthey
- 9 Bro. Aaron
- 10 Bobby Taylor
- 10 Jennifer Kirby
- 12 Frances McDow
- 16 Daniel Fetner
- 17 Nicole August
- 20 LaJuana Holloway
- 22 John Pruitt
- 23 Rhonda Hill
- 28 Kristen Sledge
- 29 Tapanga August
- 29 Rachel Fetner



If we missed your birthday, please contact the church office to make sure our records are correct.

## APRIL CALENDAR:

- 1-5 Roanoke City-wide Revival
- 8 Ladies Night -Dinner/Games  
4:00 Dinner & 5:30 Games OFH
- 8 Rand. Co. Learning Ctr. Prom
- 14 Brotherhood - 8:00 am FLC
- 15 Finance Committee Mtg. 5:30 pm
- 16 Mission Makers 11:00 OFH
- 16 Deacon's Mtg. 5:30 pm Faith Room
- 17 Business Mtg. 6:30 pm Worship Ctr.
- 21 Homecoming 10:00 am
- 22 Ladies Night -Dinner/Games  
4:00 Dinner & 5:30 Games OFH



## THE GRASS

*withers*

AND THE

FLOWERS

*fall,*

BUT THE

WORD OF

OUR GOD

*endures forever.*

ISAIAH 40:8



So then, let us follow after things which make for peace, and things by which we may build one another up.  
Romans 14:19





# FUN & FELLOWSHIP



## Easter Egg Hunt



## Young at Heart



## Mission Makers





# SHARING LOVE



## 2024

# Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

## Great Job!

# TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH



# HELPING HANDS



**Special thanks to  
Brother Alan Workman and  
the Building & Grounds Team.  
Additional lighting has been  
installed in the parking lots  
and around the church  
grounds.**



# Happy Birthday

January, February, and March

**Trinity celebrated  
the birthday's of  
our members who  
had a birthday in  
January, February,  
and March.**



Pictured (L-R) Jacky Warren, Karon Standish, Kathy Potts, Brenda Belyeu, Harvey McDow, David McCurry, and Mandy & Kerry Whaley



# EASTER CANTATA



## UPCOMING EVENTS



CHECK IT OUT  
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PRESENTED BY S&S MINISTRIES

**Roanoke CITY Revival**

**OLD MARTIN THEATRE**  
978 MAIN STREET - ROANOKE, ALABAMA

**APRIL 1-5, 2024**  
SERVICES START AT 6PM NIGHTLY

SLAY WHALEY (MONDAY NIGHT)  
DEREK FAIR (TUESDAY NIGHT)  
EDDIE WYATT (WEDNESDAY NIGHT)  
ABRON MCCOLLUGH (THURSDAY NIGHT)  
SCOTT WHALEY (FRIDAY NIGHT)

COME WORSHIP WITH US AS WE EXPERIENCE *Revival* IN ROANOKE, AL



Please visit our updated Trinity Baptist Church website. Please check out the newly added Civic & Moral Concerns page. Throughout the year, this page will be populated with links to other sites, articles, podcasts, and media outlets that will help educate us regarding the issues of our day. Ministry leaders, please provide Robin in a timely manner, any updates you desire for your ministry page.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

# Trinity Baptist Church Homecoming

APRIL 21, 2024  
10:00 AM

IT'S TIME TO GATHER TOGETHER.

GUEST SPEAKER

*Ricky Cummings*  
Former Pastor



SPECIAL MUSIC BY

*The Ward Family*



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