

DECEMBER 2023

# TRINITY VISION



## The “Why” of Ministry

As we enter the Christmas and New Year Holiday Season, in the church world, we celebrate these holidays as a time of “new beginnings.” Of course, the greatest example of this “new beginning” is the birth of the Christ Child. In Him all things are made new. We also use this season as a time to decelerate from our hectic lifestyles, reflect upon and evaluate the effectiveness of our current ministries, and begin to formulate ministry plans for the coming year.

As we begin to evaluate the need for and the effectiveness of our ministries, I want to encourage each of us, as members of Trinity Baptist Church, to ask and honestly answer the “why” question. Why do we do a particular ministry? Secondly, I want to encourage us to ask and honestly answer the question: How effective is it? And if we cannot validate the “why” and the effectiveness of a particular ministry, then perhaps we should consider making some changes, or allowing it to die a very needful death. Doing so would allow us to devote our time, ministry resources, and efforts toward ministries that are helping us “flesh-out” our ministry purpose, as started in our current Bylaws.

Our Bylaws state that we are to: “Win the lost, disciple the saved, and minister to people in Jesus name.” Sadly, I am afraid that all too often, in way too many churches, us included, the only reason some ministries continue to exist - is because they have always existed. However, longevity does not equate to effectiveness or need.

November 29th, 2023, I preached a sermon in which I mentioned that Matthew 4:17 records where Jesus preached a nine-word sermon: “... Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” In only nine words Jesus identified both the “what” and the “why” of His sermon. The “what” is to bring people to repentance. The “why” is because the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Generally speaking, people don’t embrace the “what” of anything, especially ministry, until they understand the “why.” Perhaps we need to refocus on the “why” of the ministry Jesus has called us to do, in order to better accomplish the “what!”

If God allows me to live until January 1, 2024, and you allow me to continue serving you, I will start my third year as your pastor.

I would be less than honest if I told you these first two years have been all “peaches and cream.” You know differently! These first two years, as good as they have been in some areas, have also been very turbulent in others. It’s been a time of serious adjustment for me as a pastor and for you as a church! However, I have never been more sure that I am where God wants me - as I am right now. As I stated in the sermon I preached on November 26th, “I’m in it to win it!” and “I didn’t hear no bell; one more round, one more round!”

So, what is the “take away” I want you to have from reading this article today? It’s simply this: As you decelerate this December and enjoy the Christmas and New Year holidays, and all that goes with them, take some time to reflect upon and evaluate the ministries of Trinity Baptist Church and begin to formulate future ministry plans.

To this end, it is my intention to lead us through a study based upon the book: “Simple Church. Returning to God’s Process for Making Disciples” by Thom Rainer & Eric Geiger. We have copies at the church for \$10 each. I encourage you to purchase a copy and be prepared for this study!

Merry Christmas,  
Brother Aaron

# CHURCH NEWS

## Young At Heart:



Merry Christmas to all the Young at Heart.

Don't you love this time of the year? I love all the decorations and lights, the beautiful Christmas trees, the Christmas music, but most of all celebrating the birth of Jesus. We can sing and rejoice because our Savior was born.

Please join me on Thursday, Dec 14th at 11am as we celebrate His birth. We will meet at the FLC for lunch and a time of fellowship. We also will look forward to some special entertainment.

I will need to know if you plan to attend. Please call me at 334.863.0732 or see me at church to let me know you are coming. I want to make sure we have plenty to eat. I look forward to seeing you on Dec. 14th.

As we celebrate this year, remember **Jesus is the reason for the season!!**

Love you all,  
Rhonda



## Sunday School:

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

*"Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation."*

*Psalms 95:1*



## Choir Notes:



The time is quickly approaching for the **Christmas Cantata on December 17th at 5:00pm**. The choir has been working hard and we are looking forward to celebrating the birth of our Savior this Christmas Season. It's not too late to join us! What a blessing it is to sing His praises!

Merry Christmas,  
Mandy

## MissionMakers:



Fall is a very busy time for missions in the Southern Baptist Association. Mission Makers collected 30 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas child and Samaritan's Purse. Randolph Co. had a total of 228 collected. Currently we are helping the Pilot Club of Roanoke with the Christmas for Kids project by adopting a local Family. We purchase and wrap gifts for the 4 children, assuring there will be gifts to open on Christmas day. The deadline for this project is Dec. 10th.

The monthly meeting for Mission Makers will be Dec. 19th, time, place, and theme to be announced.

All members of Trinity need to prayerfully consider what the Lord would have them contribute to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. This is a very important part of many missionaries being able to respond to being called to international mission fields.

We wish you all a very blessed Christmas season.

## Youth Update:



As our youth continue to study the life of Christ, I think it very fitting that we are covering the Greatest Gift one could ever receive - the gift of the Christ Child that was given so long ago. By accepting Him as Lord and Savior we experience the unending love, mercy and grace that He has made available to all mankind. We see clearly that God sent the very best example for us to follow - a "Star." The "Star" still draws us and others to Himself just as it drew the wisemen and shepherds at His birth. This Christmas season, don't forget to let your "Star" shine brightly! After all, we have been given the Greatest Gift ever!

Christmas Blessings,  
Tommy

# VOLUNTEERS

## **Deacon of the Month for December:**

**Kevin Smith** (334) 863-4386

## **Nursery Workers:**

Dec 03 Pam Barber & Brenda Jeter  
Dec 10 Mandy & Claire Greer  
Dec 17 Teresa & Keith Farmer  
Dec 24 Jennifer Kirby & Millie Greer  
Dec 31 Ralph & Rosemary Wilder

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.

## **Counting Committee:**

Dec 03 Iris Shurick & Michelle Fetner  
Dec 10 Mandy Greer & Teresa Farmer  
Dec 17 Sandra Webb & Becky Hill  
Dec 24 Matthew Mote & Fred Hill  
Dec 31 Iris Shurick & Michelle Fetner

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.

## **Ushers:**

Dec 03 David Harmon & Allen Ramsey  
Dec 10 Michael Swann & Keith Farmer  
Dec 17 Cody Cottle & Daniel Fetner  
Dec 24 Harold Cotter & Daryl Harmon  
Dec 31 Tommy Jeter & Michael Swann

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

## **Greeters:**

Dec 03 Brenda Lee  
Dec 10 Kathey Deming  
Dec 17 Tammy Ramsey  
Dec 24 Teresa Cotter  
Dec 31 Barbara Burroughs

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 (334) 863-8129.

Don't forget to check the mailboxes for the Ministry Leaders located in the old Kitchen.

## **Church Prayer Team:**

If you are interested in joining our Wednesday Morning **Prayer Team**, that meets every Wed. at 11:00am in the Choir Room, 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  
9-9:30am (CST) WELR 102.3FM  
10-10:30am(EST) Magic 98.1FM

## **Thursday:**

11-11:30pm (EST) 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

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

- 8 Madisyn Butler
- 10 Ann Marie Pruitt
- 12 Kathy Potts
- 20 Nell Cottle
- 20 Bobby Treadwell
- 22 Timothy Mote
- 27 Chrlotte Puckett
- 30 Iris Shurick
- 30 Jenna Treadwell



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

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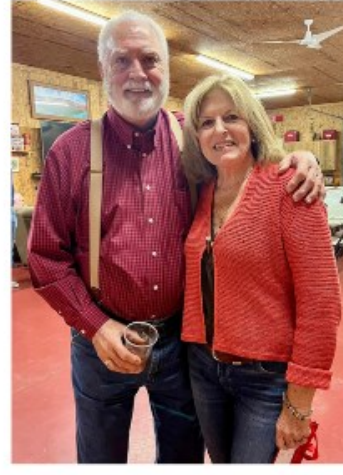
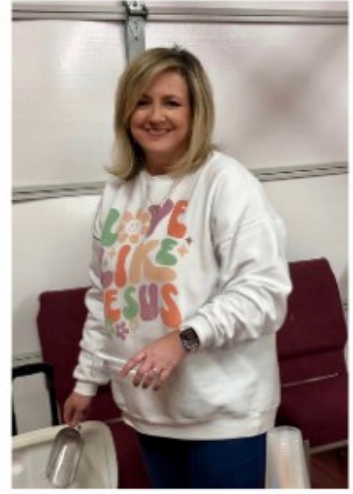
## DECEMBER CALENDAR:

- 5 Sisterhood  
6:00PM FLC
- 10 Brotherhood  
8:00 am FLC
- 11 Ladies Dinner & Games  
4:00 Dinner & 5:30 Games
- 11 Finance Committee Mtg.  
5:30 pm
- 12 Deacon's Mtg.  
5:30 pm FAITH Classroom
- 13 Business Mtg.  
6:30 pm Worship Center
- 14 Young At Heart - Christmas Party  
11:00 am FLC
- 17 Christmas Cantata  
5:00 pm Worship Center
- 24 One Service 10:00 am
- 25 Merry CHRISTmas (Office Closed)



# FUN & FELLOWSHIP

## The Choir Christmas Gathering



## Cantata Rehearsal



# SHARING LOVE



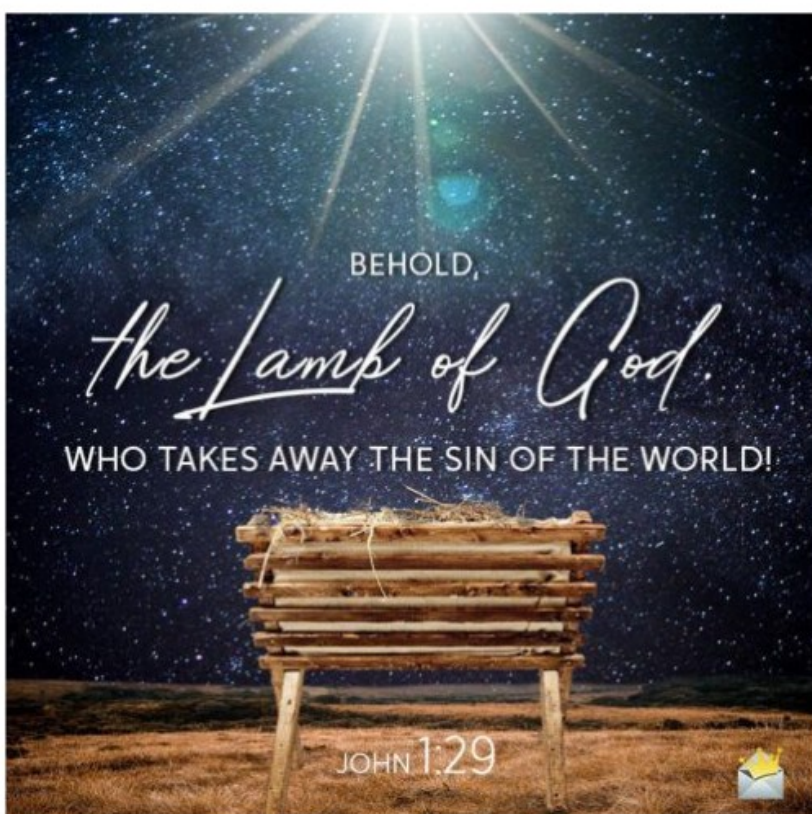
## Agape Love Feast



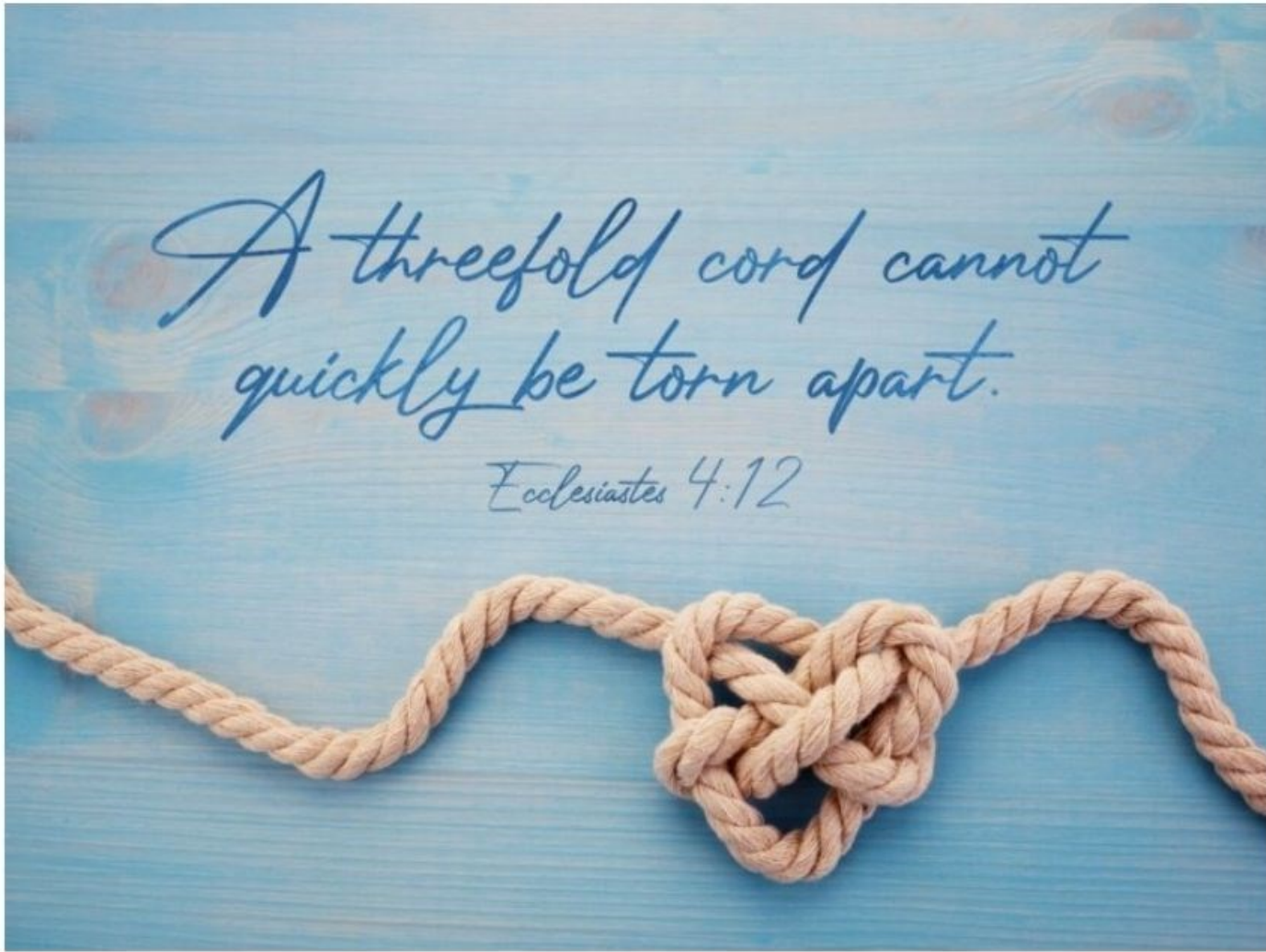


*Fear not, for behold,  
I bring you good news of great joy  
that will be for all the people.  
For unto you is born this day  
in the city of David a Savior,  
who is **Christ the Lord**.  
And this will be a sign for you:  
you will find a baby wrapped in  
swaddling cloths and lying in a  
manger.*

LUKE 2:10-12 ESV



# ***We Are Better Together!***



## ***ALL things Through Prayer.***

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