

FEBRUARY 2024



# TRINITY VISION



## Things That Matter

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.” What a truth Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. articulated! Meditate on it as you continue reading this column.

Perhaps as no other man in my lifetime, Dr. King had a unique understanding of things that mattered. Wisely, he concentrated all his talents and resources on those things. As a result, he changed the course of our nation. He identified and made the things that matter a priority in his life and gave no space for things that didn't. Conversely, I believe that as Christians and Americans today, unlike Dr. King, we have lost sight of the things that matter and have become “Masters of the Minutia,” “Maintainers of the Mundane,” and “Bloviators of the Irrelevant.” Sadly, regarding things that matter, our moral and theological voices have grown eerily silent and we are no longer having the positive effect on society we once had.

Another great American, President Ronald Reagan said in a political speech, “I am impatient with those Republicans who after the last election rushed into print saying, ‘We must broaden the base of our party’ - when what they meant was to blur the differences between ourselves and our opponents.

Our people look for a cause to believe in. Is it a third party we need, or is it a new and revitalized second party, raising a banner of no pale pastels, but bold colors which make it unmistakably clear where we stand on all of the issues troubling the people?”

I believe as Christians we must realize that Americans are searching for something to believe in. So, as Ronald Reagan said, we should, “... raise a banner of no pale pastels, but bold colors which make it unmistakably clear where we stand on all of the issues troubling the people.” We must again make our voices heard regarding things that matter.

If you remember nothing else you read in this column today, remember this: **What one generation allows in moderation the next will practice in excess!**

How did we get here? Here's an example: For those of you my age and older who have attended Southern Baptist Churches, I encourage you to look around your church sanctuary. Do you see a copy of The Church Covenant on the wall? You used to. However, because we have bought-in to the thought that the consumption of alcohol in moderation by Christians is okay – and because the Church Covenant contains “an inconvenient little line” that states we will abstain from the sale and use of alcohol as an

intoxicating beverage, it has been removed from the sanctuary wall and relegated to a closet somewhere. And because we allow this in moderation, our children and grandchildren are practicing it in excess! Again, as Dr. King and President Reagan said, we must stop being silent about things that matter and paint with bold colors to make it unmistakable what we believe.

The greatest tenet of the Christian faith is that Jesus Christ is the only way to salvation. I heard a pastor friend, Rev. Lamar Womack, say in a sermon, “You can be a buddhist and never meet buddha; you can be a muslim and never meet mohammed; you can be a Catholic and never meet the Pope; you can be a morman and never meet Joseph Smith, but you cannot be a Christian without meeting Jesus Christ.

When we close our eyes in death the thing that will matter most is: “Do we know Jesus as our personal Savior?” I believe the second may be: “Did we speak up regarding the things that matter?”

“Masters of the Minutia.”  
“Maintainers of the Mundane.”  
“Bloviators of the Irrelevant.” God help us to find our voice regarding the things that matter. Why? Because, “Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter” and today that silence is deafening.

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 soon.



## 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*

I pray that you all have had a great start to 2024. I want to say thank you to the choir members for the surprise birthday celebration for my birthday last month. I appreciate and love you all!

We are preparing to begin our Easter Cantata rehearsal soon. If you are interested in joining us, we have practice each Wednesday night at 7:30pm in the choir room. Thank you all who take the time to come and sing his praises.

Love,  
Mandy

## MissionMakers:

Thank you to everyone who brought paper supplies for the Children's Home in Oxford. This greatly helps free up funds for other needs they have.



Mission Makers will be presenting the "Country Store" at Traylor's Nursing and Rehab. on February 8th. Items that the residents sometimes don't receive will be purchased and brought to them, including health and activity items. Anyone that wishes to accompany Mission Makers, please meet at the church, on February 8th, at 9:30 am.

Our regular monthly meeting will be on February 20th, at 11:00 am, in the Old Fellowship Hall. All ladies of the church are encouraged to come and bring mission ideas.

Iris & Sandra

## Young At Heart:

Hello to all the Young at Heart.



It's February and time to celebrate Valentin's. Please come join me on Thursday, February 8th at 11:00 am in the Family Life Center as we enjoy lunch together. Come prepared to share with us how you met your mate. We will have a time of games and fun. Please call me at 334.863.0732. if you plan to attend, for me to have a head count. I look forward to seeing you all.

Love you all,  
Rhonda



February is a month we express our love towards someone special in our lives. This could be our spouse, children, grandparents, grandkids, great-grandkids, or a close friend. However, first and foremost, we should express our love to our Lord. We realize that His perfect plan for expressing love isn't limited only to these mentioned; it's to be shared with all mankind. To understand love as Christ intended, we read in Matthew 22:37-39, "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Who is our neighbor? I loved this explanation, "Our neighbor is anyone in our proximity with whom we can share God's Love." Our mission? To pray asking the Lord to open doors to do exactly that. Our challenge? To realize that many neighbors will become brothers and sisters in Christ, and their families will fill our children and youth ministries while simultaneously becoming the future of Trinity Baptist Church.

Bro. Tommy





# VOLUNTEERS

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

**Tracy Belyeu (334) 328-8968**

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

- Feb 04 Peggy Mitchum
- Feb 11 Ann Marie Pruitt
- Feb 18 Mandi Greer
- Feb 25 Susan Smith

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

### **Counting Committee:**

- Feb 04 Mandi Greer & Teresa Farmer
- Feb 11 Sandra Webb & Becky Hill
- Feb 18 Fred Hill & Matthew Mote
- Feb 25 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.

### **Flowers:**

- Feb 04 In Memory of Shane Barber by Pam Barber
- Feb 11 In Memory of Jeff Shurick by his family
- Feb 18 In Honor of Dean Kirby & Susan Smith birthday's
- Jan 25 Open

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

### **Greeters:**

- Feb 04 Brenda Lee
- Feb 11 Teresa Cotter
- Feb 18 Tammy Ramsey
- Feb 25 Barbara Burroughs

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

### **Nursery Workers:**

- Feb 04 Cindy Reese & Kylie King
- Feb 11 Mandi Greer & Claire Orr
- Feb 18 Teresa & Keith Farmer
- Feb 25 Jessica Sprayberry & Madisyn Butler

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:**

- Feb 04 David Harmon & Harold Cotter
- Feb 11 Cody Cottle & Allen Ramsey
- Feb 18 Daniel Fetner & Daryl Harmon
- Feb 25 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.

### **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 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
- 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

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

- 4 Kathey Deming
- 11 Ricky Mulkey
- 13 Claire Orr
- 13 Jaxon Whaley
- 13 Teresa Farmer
- 13 Freddie Reese
- 14 Raymond Johnson
- 15 Acton Treadwell
- 15 Ian Treadwell
- 18 Dean Kirby
- 19 Fred Hill
- 20 Susan Smith



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

## FEBRUARY CALENDAR:

- 6 Sisterhood - 6:00pm FLC
- 8 Mission Makers-Country Store  
10:00am Knollwood
- 8 Young at Heart - 11:00am FLC
- 11 Brotherhood - 8:00 am FLC
- 11 TBC Family Valentine Banquet  
5:00pm FLC (Bring Finger Food)
- 12 Ladies Night -Dinner/Games  
4:00 Dinner & 5:30 Games OFH
- 12 Finance Committee Mtg.  
5:30 pm
- 13 Deacon's Mtg.  
5:30 pm Faith Classroom
- 17 Business Mtg.  
6:30 pm Worship Center
- 16 Mission Makers  
11:00 am Old Fellowship Hall
- 26 Ladies Night -Dinner/Games  
4:00 Dinner & 5:30 Games OFH



## Agape

[us-gah-pay]

1. God's unconditional love.
2. Highest form of love.

*We love  
because  
God first  
loved us.*

*1 John 4:19*



*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."  
- John 3:16*



# FUN & FELLOWSHIP



## Ladies Dinner & Game Night



(Watch for the date and time in the weekly bulletin)



# SHARING LOVE



Bro. Aaron & Marianne  
showing love to  
Teresa Cotter and  
Sandra Webb

Mission Makers collected  
paper products for the  
Baptist Children's Home  
in Oxford AL.



Thank you to all that  
contributed.

*Welcome*

## NEW MEMBERS



*The  
Doss's*

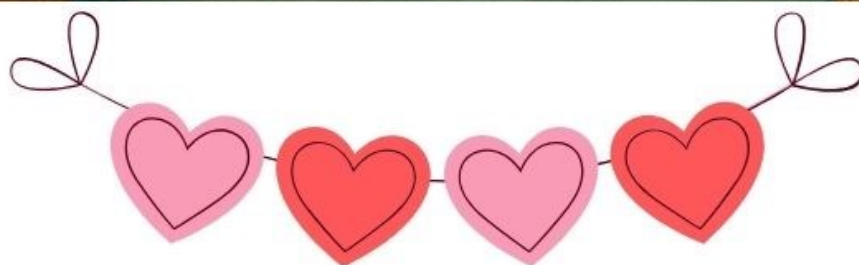
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Joy*



*The  
Sprayberry's*

*Christopher,  
Jessica,  
Skylar,  
&  
Awbry*

*Not pictured::  
Lisa Ferrell*





Matthew 22:37 -39

“Jesus replied : “Love the Lord your God  
with all your heart and  
with all your soul and  
with all your mind.’

This is the first and greatest commandment.

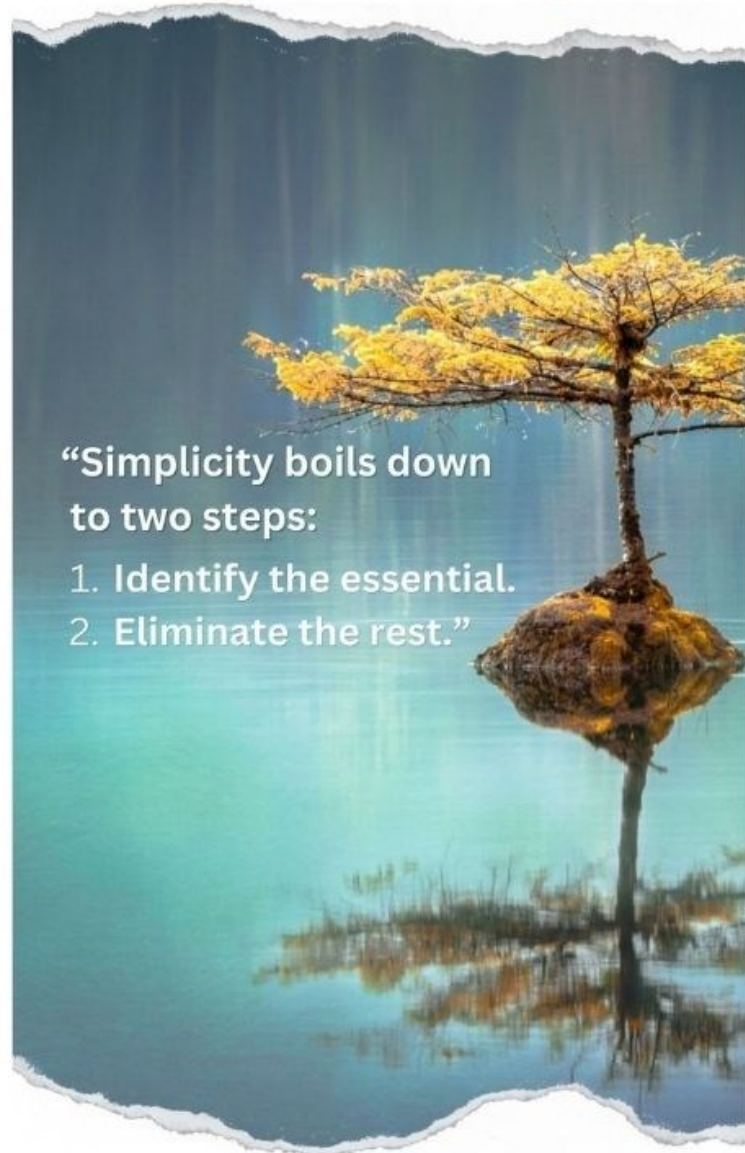
And the second is like it

‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

HAPPY  
VALENTINE'S  
DAY



***We Are Better Together!  
ALL things Through Prayer.***



**Good Things are Happening at  
Trinity Baptist Church.**

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