

JANUARY 2024

TRINITY VISION



Decisions and Choices

In life, we are free to make any decision or choice we desire.

However, we are not free from the consequences associated with our decisions and choices. Quite often, permanent consequences are associated with our decisions and choices. Therefore, we should exercise great caution not to make decisions and choices that have the potential for permanent consequences, based upon temporary circumstances. As surely as we cannot put toothpaste back into the tube once it has been squeezed out, some of the decisions and choices we make are just as irreversible.

Perhaps you have never thought of it like this, but our lives are nothing more than the grand sum of all the decisions and choices we have ever made, good or bad. And let there be no mistake, life is about the decisions we make. In the Old Testament we find where God plainly tells the Children of Israel that He is giving them the opportunity for life and blessings, but the decision is up to them. Deuteronomy 30:19 says, "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live." We also find where Joshua, the leader of the Children of Israel, calls the Israelites to a decision. Joshua 24:15 says, "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the

other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." And in the New Testament, Galatians 6:7-8, we find where Paul articulates the importance of our decisions and choices: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Again, life is about the decisions we make.

A great quote about decisions and choices comes from the TV series, "Star Trek the Next Generation." Speaking to Commander Data, Captain Picard says, "It is possible to commit no mistakes and still lose. That is not a weakness; that is life." Sometimes in life we can make all the right decisions and choices and still not be successful. Why? It's simple. It's because we cannot control the decisions and choices others make. Sometimes the decisions and choices of others adversely affect us and bring sadness, sorrow, pain, and even defeat into our lives. That is not a weakness on our part; that's life! Therefore, our focus in life should be on controlling the things that we can control and leaving what we cannot control to God.

In life, we will encounter people, places, things, circumstances, and situations that will either add or subtract value from us. We should make every effort to plug into those people, places, things, circumstances,

and situations that add value to us. And as harsh as it may sound, there will come times that we must make the decision to unplug from toxic people, places, things, circumstances, and situations that literally drain joy and life from us.

Almost fifty years of pastoral ministry has taught me that we cannot fix every toxic person or circumstance that comes across our lifepath. There comes a time, as painful as it may be, when we have to decide to unplug from toxic people and allow them to stand or fall on their own merits regarding the decisions they have made. And speaking of being a pastor and decisions – it amazes me how people get upset with me regarding decisions they made. Go figure!

I want to close this column by quoting from the first paragraph: "In life, we are free to make any decision or choice we desire. However, we are not free from the consequences associated with our decisions and choices ..." "... as surely as we cannot put toothpaste back into the tube once it has been squeezed out, some of the decisions and choices we make are just as irreversible ..." "... we should exercise great caution not to make decisions and choices that have the potential for permanent consequences, based upon temporary circumstances."

As we enter into 2024, let us resolve to make decisions and life choices that honor God!

Happy New Year!
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.

Young At Heart:



Happy New Year to all the Young at Heart.

It is hard believe we are welcoming in a New Year, 2024.

There will be no Young at Heart meeting in January. Fred will be having eye surgery on our meeting day. Therefore, I will have to cancel our meeting. I look forward to seeing you in February for our Valentine's Party.

I want to thank you all for my Christmas gift. I really appreciate it, but I appreciate more you all supporting the Young at Heart.

Looking forward to 2024! Wishing you all many blessings and good health for the new year.

Love you all,
Rhonda

Choir Notes:



"Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation." Psalms 95:1

I pray that everyone had a Merry Christmas. I am looking forward to seeing what the Lord has in store for Trinity Baptist Church in 2024! It's a new year and a new beginning. We love welcoming new members to the choir. You're invited to join us. We practice for Sunday morning on Wednesday night at 7:30. We will soon begin working on Easter music. It will be here before we know it. Happy New Year!

Love you all!
Mandy

MissionMakers:



Happy New Year!

Many thanks to all who made it possible to deliver 30 wrapped gifts to a local family for Christmas. The mother of the children was extremely appreciative.

Please be in prayer for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. These funds are used to send Missionaries to international destinations spreading the word of Christ's saving power.

During January Mission Makers is sponsoring the collection of paper products for the Baptist Children's Home in Oxford. This facility operates in much the same manner as DHR and needs the assistance of everyone to serve as many children as possible. Items that are needed are:

Paper towels

Toilet tissue

Batteries, AA, AAA, D, C

Paper plates

Paper cups

Saran wrap and aluminum foil

Kleenex

Disposable diapers, all children sizes

Please leave these items on the designated table in the old fellowship hall. Many thanks for the generosity of all. Our Next meeting is January 16, 2024 at 11.00 am in the Old Fellowship Hall.



2023 is quickly ending. Our past opportunities will soon be history. A new year of "First" is before us. I think of our youth. For some, 2024 represents the first day of the final year of high school. It's a new year to excel, to experience new challenges, and to watch as new chapters begin to unfold in their lives. As 2024 begins, it is our prayer that each of our youth will continue to give God first place in their lives and allow Him to guide them as their journey broadens. As the fireworks of the New Year begin to dissipate, let's remember to pray for all our youth, especially Trinity's youth, share an encouraging word with them, and let them know they are in our thoughts, and we appreciate them.

*Class of 2024 - Millie Grace Greer

New Year Blessings,
Tommy

VOLUNTEERS

Deacon of the Month for January: Kevin Smith (334) 885-2401

Nursery Workers:

- Jan 07 Pam Barber & Brenda Jeter
- Jan 14 Mandy & Claire Greer
- Jan 21 Ralph & Rosemary Wilder
- Jan 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.

Counting Committee:

- Jan 07 Mandy Greer & Teresa Farmer
- Jan 14 Sandra Webb & Becky Hill
- Jan 21 Fred Hill & Matthew Mote
- Jan 28 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:

- Jan 07 David Harmon & Allen Ramsey
- Jan 14 Cody Cottle & Daniel Fetner
- Jan 21 Keith Farmer & Daryl Harmon
- Jan 28 Tommy Jeter & Michael Swann

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

Greeters:

- Jan 07 Tammy Ramsey
- Jan 14 Teresa Cotter
- Jan 21 Dianne Warren
- Jan 28 Barbara Burroughs

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

Flowers:

- Jan 07 In Memory of 'Fisher' by Rick & Sis Webb
- Jan 14 In Honor of Herbert & Jo Richardson's Anniversary, by Monica Richardson
- Jan 21 In Honor of Keith Farmer's birthday, by Teresa Farmer
- Jan 28 in Memory of Gerald Stitt, by his Family

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, please contact Terersa 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
- 9-9:30am (CST) WELR 102.3FM

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 or www.tbcroanokeal.org and clicking "Media" and scrolling down and clicking on 'Brother Aaron's Sermon Archives.'

INFORMATION

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

- 6 Brenda Lee
- 7 Brenda Belyeu
- 13 Ken Lee
- 14 David Mote
- 15 Christi Treadwell
- 15 June Perry
- 16 Michael Swann
- 17 Richard Head
- 21 Herbert Richardson
- 23 Marilyn Fincher
- 25 Mandy Whaley
- 27 Keith Farmer



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

JANUARY CALENDAR:

- 1 New Years Day
- 7 Simple Church Study Begins
5:00 pm Worship Center
- 15 Ladies Night -Dinner/Games
4:00 Dinner & 5:30 Games OFH
- 15 Finance Committee Mtg.
5:30 pm
- 16 Deacon's Mtg.
5:30 pm Faith Classroom
- 16 Mission Makers
11:00 am Old Fellowship Hall
- 17 Business Mtg.
6:30 pm Worship Center



FUN & FELLOWSHIP

The Senior Adults Sunday School Gathering



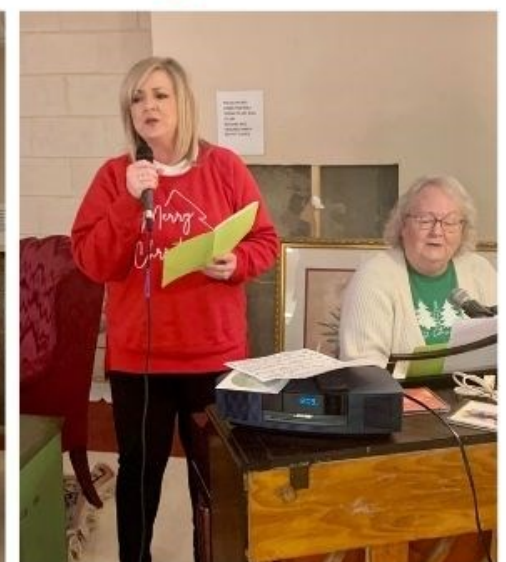
The Seekers SS Class Party



Truth & Grace SS Class Party



The Young at Heart Gathering



**As you can see, fun was had by many.
If you haven't joined one of the
Sunday School Classes, you're missing out!
Start the New Year off right...
2024 is a great time to check the classes out.**

SHARING LOVE

It's Christmas...



A Night Like No Other!!!



RETURNING TO GOD'S PROCESS FOR MAKING DISCIPLES

SiMPLE CHURCH

THOM S. RAINER
& ERIC GEIGER

Trinity Baptist Church

January 7, 2024

5:00 PM

A study taught by
Brother Aaron

Starting at 5pm on January 7, 2024, I plan to lead the church through a study/teaching/series of sermons/whatever you want to call it, on the thought: "Simple Church." It is my intention to utilize our Sunday evening services for this study. Along with the Bible, I will be using the book: "Simple Church, Returning to God's Process for Making Disciples" as a key resource for this study. (We have books available at the church for \$10.00.) Since I am developing the teaching materials for this series, this means I've never taught it before. It also means I cannot say how many weeks this study will take. So, I am humbly asking for your prayers, support, and attendance regarding this study.

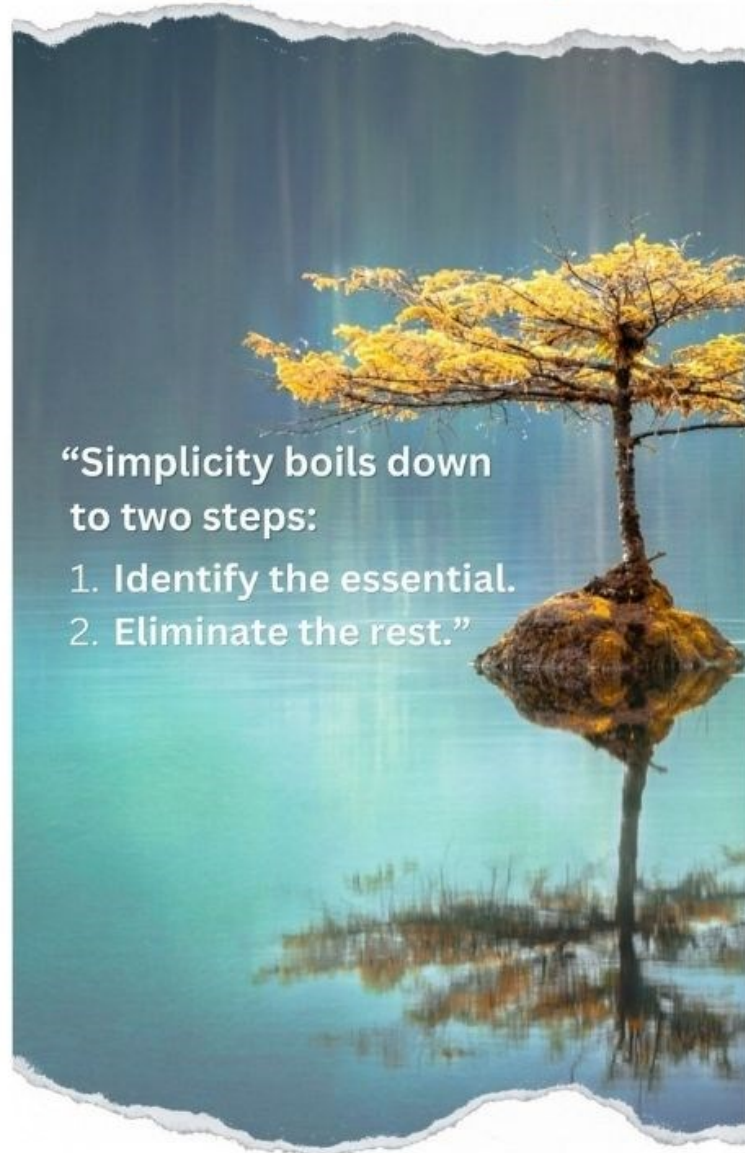
The thesis of the study will be to teach us how to utilize the truths contained in the book to identify, develop, and implement strategies that will help us become more effective and efficient in fulfilling the Great Commission and the Great Commandment of Jesus Christ.

I truly believe that God has great things in store for Trinity in 2024. I want to see Trinity become the "Hometown Church" for all of Roanoke. I want to see people being saved, discipled, and on mission for Jesus because of the ministry of Trinity Baptist Church. I'm praying that God will either raise-up people in the church, or send workers into the church who have the skillsets we need to help Trinity become all it can be for Jesus in 2024!

I realize, as the old saying goes, "Rome wasn't built in a day." Neither will Trinity become all it can be for Jesus overnight. But the journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step. I pray that January 7, 2024, will be Trinity's first step to becoming all it can be for Jesus!

Brother Aaron

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



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

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