

NOVEMBER 2023

# TRINITY VISION



## Responsibility

Somewhere around twelve years ago Marianne and I went to hear “The Talley’s” in concert. For years this group had consisted of Roger & Deborah Talley and their daughter, Lauren. We had literally watched Lauren grow up on the stage, so to speak, singing with her momma and daddy. However, on this night things were different. Instead of the normal trio, there was a fourth person on stage with them. Soon, this person was introduced as Lauren’s new husband. And I immediately thought, “Lord I’m getting old. She should still be a little girl!”

As Lauren began to speak, no longer as a little girl, but now as a married young lady, she said something very profound. She said, “I have begun noticing more and more lately the great responsibility that comes with being the person that stands on the stage with the microphone in your hand.” Wow! Regardless of who you are or in which venue of life you are operating, when you are the person standing on the stage with the microphone in your hand - you are held to a higher standard; more is expected of you, and you have a greater sphere of influence. And the sense of responsibility associated with your position can, at times, become almost palpable.

In life, all of us share a common power. I call it: “The Power of Influence.” All of us have a circle of friends, a family, and acquaintances upon whom we wield some degree of influence. The question is not “if” we have the power to influence others. The question is whether we will

accept this responsibility and use it to influence others in a positive manner. Apathy is one of the truest indicators of a person exerting negative influence. We’ve all probably been guilty of shrugging our shoulders and saying things like: “Not my iceberg; not my penguins,” or “Not my circus; not my monkeys.” Then we start assigning blame to others and start using our “Power of Influence” in a negative manner.

In 1st Corinthians 13:11(KJV), the great Apostle Paul said, “When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.” What was Paul teaching? In a word: Responsibility. There is a strange thing about life – if you live long enough you go through the maturing process. Paul is saying that when he matured, he accepted the responsibility associated with being the one standing on life’s stage with a microphone in his hand and influencing others in a positive manner.

Responsibility is in short supply today. We all have the ability to become an “influencer” for that which is good, decent, and moral. But the reality is that not many want the responsibility that comes with that ability. It’s easier to just sit back, take cheap shots, disparage, and blame others for the injustices we perceive they have caused. Why, when it comes to religious and moral failures, the church blames the world and the world blames the church. When it comes to political failures, the President blames Congress and Congress blames the President, the Republicans blame the Democrats,

and the Democrats blame the Republicans. When it comes to educational failures, momma and daddy blame the schools for little Johnny’s or Suzie’s failures and the school blames momma and daddy. When it comes to divorce, the wife blames the husband and the husband blames the wife. When it comes to teenage pregnancy, STD’s, rampant addictions, and a thousand other things – we can all ignore our responsibility and play the blame game. But meaningful change will never come until each of us, one by one, put away childish things, accept our responsibility, and become the “influencer” God intends. Becoming that “influencer” means recognizing the great responsibility that comes with being the person who stands on the stage with the microphone in their hand.

In Joshua 24:15(b)(KJV), we see where one of the greatest influencers in the Bible stepped onto the stage with a proverbial microphone in his hand. He proclaimed, “... 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.” Joshua stood firmly on the stage of his convictions, held the microphone of his influence tightly, accepted his responsibility, and boldly proclaimed the truth. Will we?

Brother Aaron

# CHURCH NEWS

## Young At Heart:

Hello to all the Young at Heart.



I hope you all have been enjoying this beautiful fall God had blessed us with. We could not have asked for more perfect weather. We need to enjoy everyday because we know what will soon be upon us. I shiver to think about it.

For our November outing we will meet at church on Thursday Nov. 9th, at 11:00am to go to the Abanda Cafe for lunch. Please let me know if you plan to attend so I can give them an appropriate count on how many will be joining us. Hope you will plan to be with us on Nov 9th. Get out and enjoy this weather because we know winter is on it's way!! Burrrrrr!!!

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.

## Choir Notes:



Dear Church Family,

As we approach this Thanksgiving Season, I want to express how thankful I am for the opportunity to serve as your Music Director! I am very humbled by the love and support I have received. It was a giant step of faith. I believe I answered the call that God placed on my heart. As I look through the song books and pray for guidance on the song selection, it has been most enjoyable. Please continue to pray for me during this learning curve. We are working on the Christmas music right now and we invite you to join us on Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. Thank you all who take the time to come and sing His praises!!

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

Love you all,  
Mandy



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

We wanted to let everyone know that Choir practice has started, and it is not too late to come join us!!!! Oh, what a powerful feeling you achieve when you sing praises to HIM. We practice on Wednesday nights at 7:30pm. Beginning in November we will start practice on Sunday afternoons as well.

***We look forward to you joining us!***



## MissionMakers:

We have been extremely busy; we filled 27 "Back Packs of Love". A big thank you for those from our church who took a back pack to make a difference in the life of a child. Our current project is: Samaritan's Purse - Christmas Shoe Boxes, they are currently available for pick-up in the Old Fellowship Hall. Please remember to pick one up. Mission Makers will be sponsoring the November Birthday Celebration during the Agape Love Feast, November 19th. We will not have a Mission Makers meeting in November. Our next gathering will be a Christmas Party, December 19th.

Also, mark your calendar for November 13th for "Ladies Night Out." We will meet for dinner at 4:00pm and return to play games and have fun at 5:30pm in the Old Fellowship Hall. If you can't make dinner, feel free to come at 5:30pm for fun and fellowship. Looking forward to seeing you.



## Youth Update:

I wanted to share with you what the youth are experiencing as we continue to study the life of Jesus and His followers in everyday settings. It is amazing to see how the lives of the different characters fit the Biblical narrative like pieces of a jigsaw puzzle. We often miss the clarity and perfection of Jesus' love and how He loves us regardless of our past. We must understand that just as Mary Magdalene fought the demons within, probably lost hope along the way, felt separated from her family and friends, but met the Messiah who knew all about her, healed her, and turned her life around; He will do the same for us! Jesus even came to Mary Magdalene's house for Shabbat! Talk about going from physical lows to Spiritual highs - wow! "IF" we allow him, Jesus will make just as much of an impact in our lives. Please pray for our Church and our Youth as they will be the future Church. They need to know without a doubt that Jesus hasn't changed. As Mary Magdalene learned, Jesus stands at our heart's door and knocks. The question is - are you ready for Jesus to come in?

Tommy

# VOLUNTEERS

## **Deacon of the Month for October: Tommy Mitchum (334) 338-2673**

### **Nursery Workers:**

- Nov 05 Ralph & Rosemary Wilder
- Nov 12 Teresa & Keith Farmer
- Nov 19 Jennifer Kirby & Millie Greer
- Nov 26 Cindy Reese & Crystal Pike

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:**

- Nov 05 Iris Shurick & Michelle Fetner
- Nov 12 Mandy Greer & Teresa Farmer
- Nov 19 Sandra Webb & Becky Hill
- Nov 26 Matthew Mote & Fred Hill

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:**

- Nov 05 Daryl Harmon & Harold Cotter
- Nov 12 Cody Cottle & Daniel Fetner
- Nov 19 Tommy Jeter & Keith Farmer
- Nov 26 Harold Cotter & Michael Swann

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

### **Greeters:**

- Nov 05 Brenda Lee
- Nov 12 Kathy Deming
- Nov 19 Tammy Ramsey
- Nov 26 Teresa Cotter

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

### **Sanctuary Flowers:**

- Nov 05 In Memory of Harold Heard's Birthday by Gail Heard
- Nov 12 In Memory of Bobby Burroughs by Barbara Burroughs
- Nov 19 In Memory of Katherine Vinson by Jennifer Kirby & Family
- Nov 26 Open

If you would like to place flowers on a specific date, please contact Teresa Farmer.

### **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* before 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:**

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

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

- 2 Cody Cottle
- 10 Lee Knight
- 13 Monica Richardson
- 18 Juanita Rowell
- 19 Charlotte Rouse
- 20 Pat Deming
- 23 Charles Mote
- 26 April Mulkey

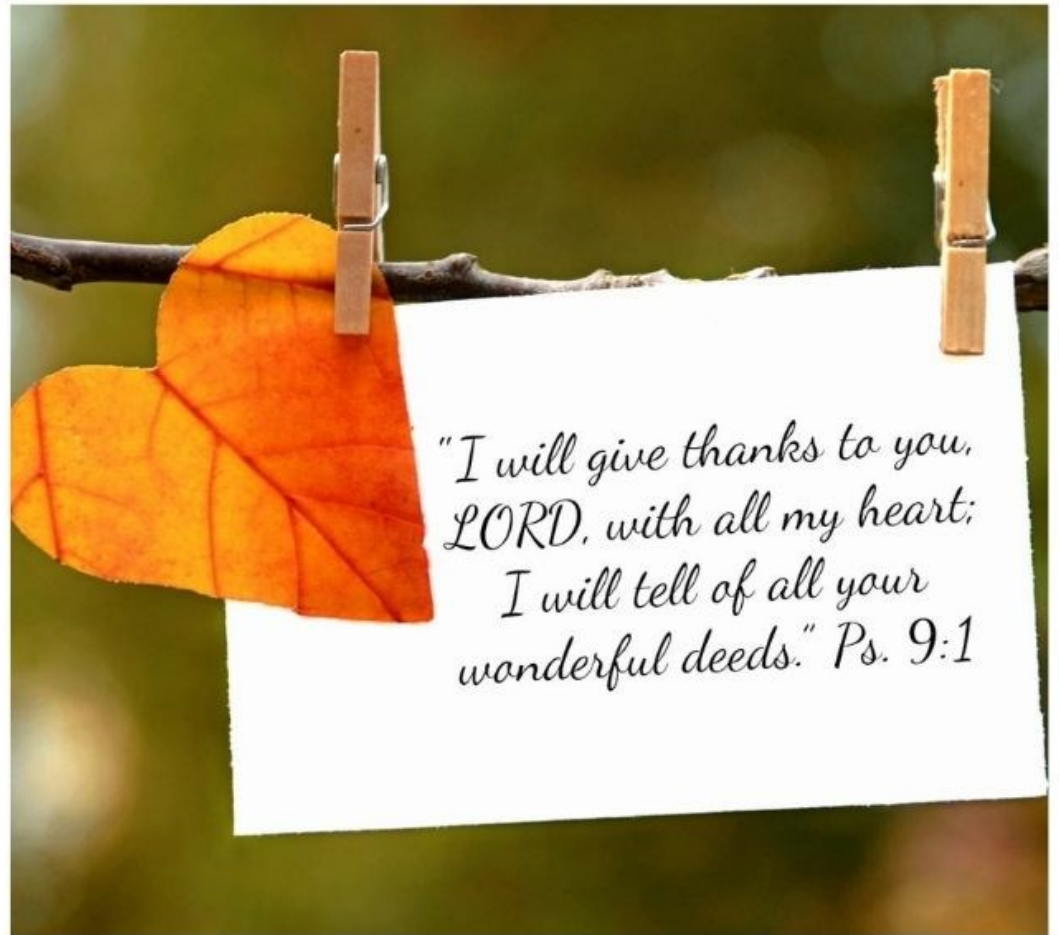


If we missed your birthday, please contact the church office to make sure our records are correct.

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## NOVEMBER CALENDAR:

- 5 Family & Friends Music Ministry  
6:00PM
- 7 Sisterhood  
6:00 pm
- 9 Young at Heart  
11:00 am
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 12 Brotherhood  
8:00 am
- 12 Shoebox Deadline - Due to church
- 13 Ladies Dinner & Games  
4:00 Dinner & 5:30 Games
- 13 Finance Committee Mtg.  
5:30 pm
- 14 Deacon's Mtg.  
5:30 pm
- 15 Business Mtg.  
6:30 pm
- 19 Agape Love Feast
- 23 No Wednesday Evening Service
- 24 Happy Thanksgiving (Office Closed)



# FUN & FELLOWSHIP



**Mission Makers**  
**2023 Back Packs of Love**  
*It was a great success.  
A BIG Thank you to everyone  
who helped this year.*



*Young at Heart had their monthly  
meeting and great fellowship  
time together as always.*

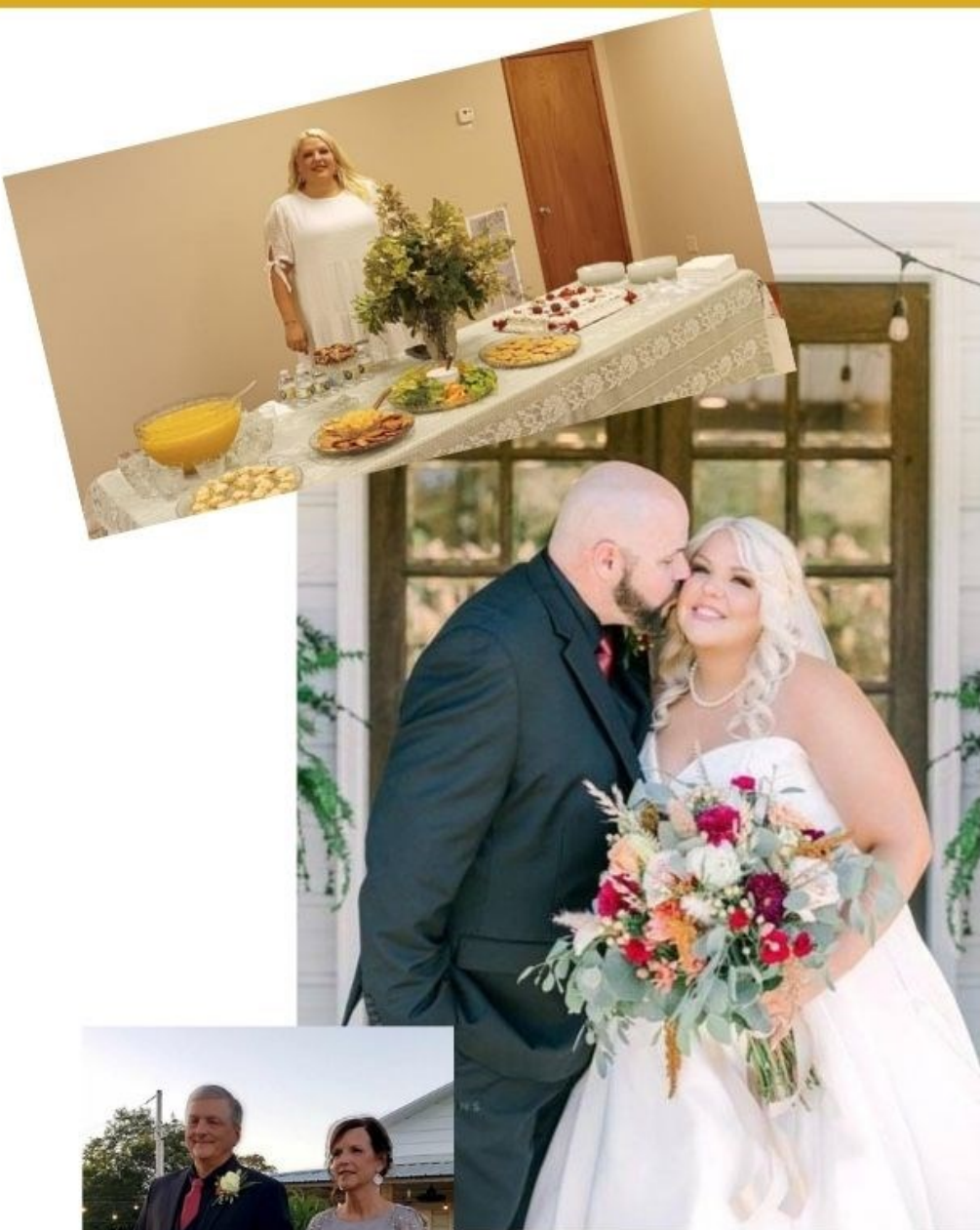
# OCTOBER BIRTHDAY BASH



*Happy Birthday to those who celebrated  
their special day in October.*  
**(L-R) Kevin Smith, Tracy Belyeu, Beverly Hamil,  
SueEllen Diamond, and Pastor Jamie Taylor**



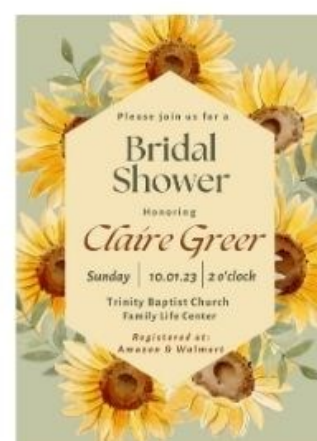
# SHARING LOVE



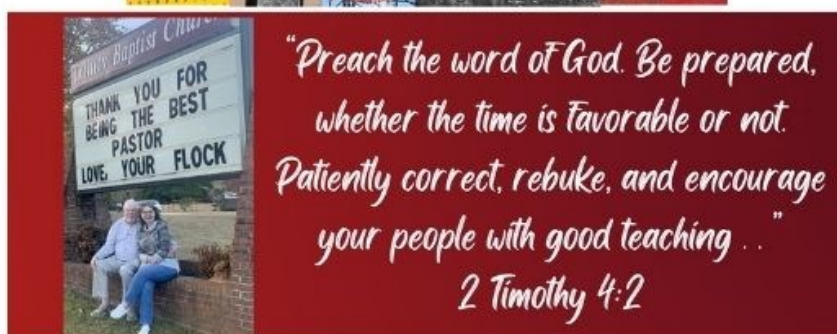
*May God continue to extend many blessings on your marriage forever.*  
**Brooke and Ross Head**



*Congratulations*  
**Claire and Dylan**



# TRINITY TIMES



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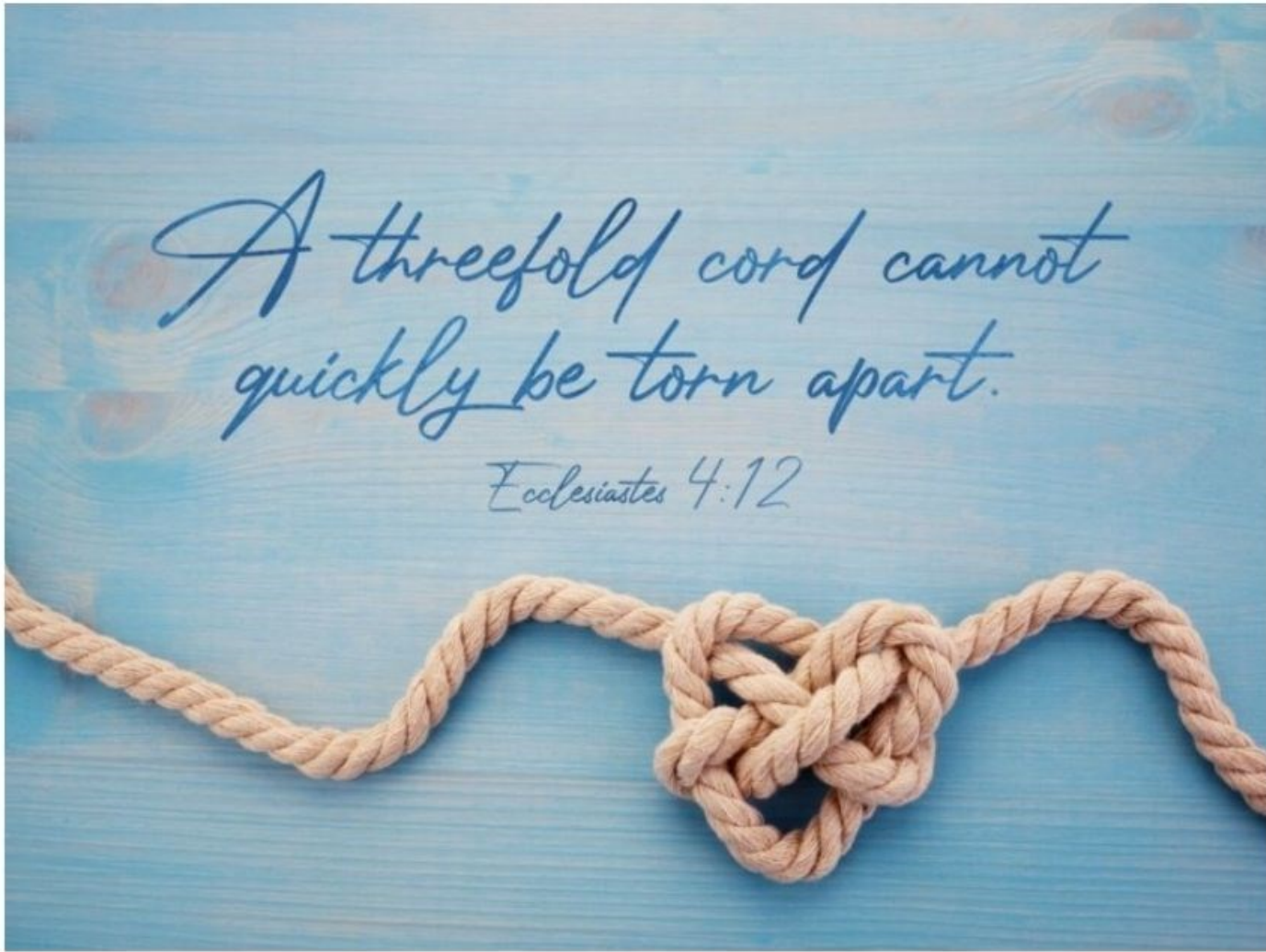


(L-R) Bro. Aaron, Madisyn Butler, & Beverly Hamil.



***“And this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also – not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.”***  
***Peter 3:21.***

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



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

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