

Vision Statement

Our vision is to be more than a refuge; it is to be a revitalizing community where all may be saved, healed, strengthened, and equipped to go into the world on active mission for our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE CARILLON

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"For all that has been, **thanks.**
To all that shall be, **yes!**"



The Real Miracle
By
Dr. Ryan Wilson

Easter is something bigger and grander than our words can capture. Each Gospel writer told the story in a pretty simple and straight forward way, but each had a little different perspective on what happened and what was significant. Clearly, the resurrection was the focal point of Jesus' life and ministry; so I'm surprised that they didn't say more.

Sometimes, I guess, the simplicity and truth of something conveys more than words can say. The power of the resurrection reminds us that God can bring life from the bleakest of circumstances. Words will not ever capture the magnitude of the event.

Former pastor, John Claypool, once said that the real miracle of Easter was "not just that the dead came back to life, but that God sent his His Son back to the same people who killed him." When you think about it that way, it is pretty amazing that God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him back to us in spite of us killing him and in spite of our sin.

This Easter, give thanks to God for the hope that comes in Easter. No matter how bleak things can look and no matter how dark death's sting can feel, Easter declares that there is always hope. Even though we may reject and kill Jesus, God declares through the resurrection that I still love you and Jesus' way will ultimately bring life!

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WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

DEACONS

2-Lane Price 9-Josh Barker
 16-Ed Evans 23-Al LeRoy
 30-Chuck Middleton

USHERS

2-Pat Cromer, Jim Foster, Martha Hammett, Ben Kroeger, Gene Meason, Jeff Nix, Steve & Gayle Grogan, Bill Sandifer, Becky Nix
 9-Barry Duvall, Kent Norman, Buddy Poole, Tim Hydrick, Chuck Middleton, Matt Powell, Stephen Scruggs, Mike Smith, Bill Thompson, Tony Williams
 16-Donnie Blackmon, Josh Barker, Junior Bearden, Robert Davis, Wendy Evans, Debby Howard, Jeff Hulsey, Charlie Thompson, Tommy Shaver, Eddie Burkett
 23-Cortni Nations, Jason Crawford, Nick Groomes, David Jeffcoat, Lane & Jamie Price, Ancil Baird, Jackie Sheriff, John Thompson
 30-Youth

FLOWERS

2-Phil & Marian Corn 9-Charlie Thompson
 16-Steve & Gayle Grogan 23-Don & Linda Hobbs
 30-Keith & Angie Sherrill

SOUND TECHNICIANS

2--David Bryant & Al LeRoy
 9-Stephen Scruggs & David Bryant
 16-Al LeRoy & Leon Scott
 23-Pete Giacomelli & Stephen Scruggs
 30-David Bryant & Al LeRoy

GREETERS

2-SS Fellowship Hall Door-David Howle; Worship Side Door-Madi Duvall, Debby Howard; Worship Sanctuary Door-Andy & Kris Frady
 9-SS Side Door-Ron & Carla Gambrell; SS Fellowship Hall Door-John & Nan Thompson; Worship Side Door- Pete & Aubrey Giacomelli; Worship Sanctuary Door-Jeff Nix
 16-SS Side Door-Nick & Wendy Groomes; SS Fellowship Hall Door-Pat & Brenda Cromer; Worship Side Door- Jamie Price, Leon Scott; Worship Sanctuary Door-Keith, Debra, & Marett Hart
 23- Empty Nesters Sunday School Class
 30-SS Side Door-Ann Carwile; SS Fellowship Hall Door-Jason Crawford, Dot James; Worship Side Door-Ashley Robertson, Pat Cromer; Worship Sanctuary-Wallace Peebles

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

2-Buddy Poole 9-Harry Stancil
 16-Joe Robinson 23-Wallace Peebles
 30-Gerald Foster

NURSERY LIST FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

2-Ashley Ellison 9-Susan Williams
 16-Kristen Vincent 23-Matt & Sydney Howle
 30-Pete & Aubrey Giacomelli

CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADERS

2-Rebecca Sires 9-Rebecca Sires
 16-Krissy Boggs 23-Madi Duvall
 30-Keaton Plyler

NURSERY LIST FOR WORSHIP

2-Tracey Crawford, Harris & Brittany Martin, Claire Welch
 9-Tina Middleton, Matt & Sydney Howle, Heather & David Land
 16-Pete & Aubrey Giacomelli, Ben & Lauren Kroeger, Madi Duvall
 23-Andy & Kris Frady, Lydia Powell, Phil & Marian Corn
 30-Debby Howard, Ben & Ashley Ellison, Heather & Clay Vassey

COUNTING COMMITTEE

2-Kent Norman, Buddy Poole, Ben Nix
 9-Martin Hemphill, Greg Towe
 16-Pat Cromer, Donnie Blackmon, Jeff Nix
 23-Doug Dyson, Ben Kroeger
 30-Wendy Evans, Hazel Smith, Jeff Nix

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

5-No Supper (Spring Break)
 12-Spaghetti Casserole, Salad, Rolls, Dessert
 19-Breakfast; Eggs, Grits, Bacon, Sausage, Biscuits
 26-Grilled Pork Chops, Green Beans, Mac n Cheese, Rolls, Dessert

If you are not able to fulfill your monthly assignment, please contact the committee and the church office.

Ecumenical Lenten Services 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host Church</u>	<u>Preacher</u>	<u>Text/Title</u>
April 5	St. Mark UMC (616 Quincy Rd.)	Joel Hafer (Ascension Episcopal)	The Soldiers

Kings, Dreams, and Schemes was a huge success. We had 32 children and 7 devoted leaders, who spent a countless amount of hours preparing for this great story of faith and bravery. Thank you, Trinity, for your continued support of our children's ministry. Together, we are raising disciples.

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt was also so much fun. Thank you for the Candy and egg donations.

I want to personally thank our church family for the constant support of our children's ministry. Your words of encouragement, hours given in the nursery or children's church, Sunday night studies or the musical, and everything in between is one of the reasons our church has a growing children's ministry. I hope everyone has a wonderful spring break. I hope to celebrate Easter Sunday with all our sweet kiddos.

A peek ahead...

Music and Missions Night – Wednesday, May 17

VBS is scheduled for June 11-15

Camp Prism is scheduled for July 11-14

"When I am afraid, I will trust in you." Psalm 56:3

Dr. Ryan Wilson

Youth News

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It's time to start getting ready for Youth Sunday on April 30. Make sure you can be here that day! Talk with Annie about what you can help with that day. Each youth can help make Youth Sunday a wonderful day—from speaking, praying, reading scripture, being a part of the skit/drama team, taking up offering, singing in the choir, to helping greet everyone.

It's time to start signing up for the Summer Mission Trip. You should have received a flyer about it already. The trip will be from June 18-24. We will leave Trinity late afternoon on the 18th and return to Seneca late on the 24th. We will be going down to work with missionary, Rick Burnette. On the way down, we will have some time at Clearwater Beach for some fun and then travel to Fort Myers where we will do most of the mission work. We will be collecting food at multiple garden sites and distributing it to families who are in need. We might also do some cleanup work from the hurricane.

Go to www.cultivateabundance.org to learn more about what Rick is doing. **Sign-up deadline is April 30 with a \$50 deposit.** Total cost of the trip is \$200, but don't let cost be a deterrent...talk with Ryan, Annie, or Tony and we will find a way for everyone to go.

April Music Notes



What a gift our children have been recently in worship! From our anniversary service where they proclaimed “we are the church,” to the wonderful storytelling in their musical about Daniel and God’s presence with him—it is a joy to affirm, “yes, children, you ARE the church.” We look forward to our youth leading us in worship later this month on Youth Sunday and for all the ways that all generations lead us in music and worship as we gather as a church family.

I’m also grateful for the singers who shared in our anniversary celebration: our Sanctuary Choir, some of our youth, and some additional community voices who joined us. This new anthem that was dedicated to celebrate two special anniversaries, Trinity’s 70th and Ryan’s 20th as our pastor, will remain a part of our choir’s repertoire for worship. Music is the language of faith, helping us to express what words alone cannot. Therefore, in the words of Jo Vickery, our former music minister, *keep a song in your heart!*



LLL Day Trip to see the Braves versus Miami Marlins

Thursday, April 27, departing 8:30 am

Join us as we head to Atlanta to cheer on the Atlanta Braves before it gets really hot! Cost: \$35 plus lunch

Sign up by April 9 to guarantee a ticket.

Trinity on Mission Notes

- Thank you for your wonderful support of our **Guatemala** team as they worked in March and our **Kairos** team as they served in McCormick Prison. God was at work in March through the people of Trinity!
- This month is Trinity’s month to serve the **Sabbath Soup Kitchen** at Our Daily Rest. Thanks to all who are giving of their time and energy to provide a hot Sunday lunch this month for our community!
- **Saturday, April 29** from 9-11:30 am is our **Rise Against Hunger** event at St. Mark UMC where we will package 50,000 meals to help fight extreme hunger in our world. We need **you** to give a few hours of your Saturday morning to provide the volunteer power to package the food. Sign-ups will begin on Easter Sunday. Ages 5 to 95 are encouraged to sign up—there’s a job for everyone! If you cannot work but want to give toward our goal of raising \$7,000 toward the purchase of the food that we will be packaging, simply mark your offering “Trinity on Mission.”
- This June at the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly in Atlanta, Trinity will receive special recognition with this year’s **CBF Missions Excellence Award**, given annually to churches that are active and creative missionally. Trinity was nominated for our diverse ways of being the presence of Christ in our own community and in partnerships around the world. More information to come about that award presentation at the CBF General Assembly, June 28-30 in Atlanta.

Trinity Baptist Church Cancer Survivor Campaign

PLEDGE 1.0

What is a pledge? We “pledge” (v.) allegiance to the American flag. Someone promises to join a fraternity or sorority and thereby becomes a “pledge” (n.) And how many of us have said these words, “and thereto I plight (pledge) thee my troth?” Whew - what a mouthful!

The Oxford American Dictionary defines “pledge” as a solemn promise or undertaking. It can be a noun or a verb. “Pledge” is often used in connection with giving money. Enough of a grammar lesson.

As part of our 70th celebration this year, Trinity has solemnly pledged to raise \$70,000.00 to help those people in our local community who are struggling with cancer. As of March 19, Trinity has received \$43,916.59 in gifts and pledges. This is a wonderful beginning, but we still have work to do. Pledging is easy. Simply fill out a pledge card with the amount you are giving, and designate whether you are pledging in honor of or in memory of someone. These honorees will be listed in October. Pledge cards are located in the gathering area, the main office, and the vestibule.

This is an ambitious goal, but Trinity has a robust history of meeting ambitious goals. We can do this!

Please give generously!

Eileen Jones & Cortni Nations



**We welcome the following to our
Trinity Baptist Church Family:**

David Wicker joined the church on March 19, 2023, by transfer letter from another Christian church. David resides at 310 Shorecrest Drive, Seneca, SC 29672, and his phone number is 864-247-1664.

Greg and Catherine Lownsbury joined the church on March 19, 2023, by statement of previous membership in another church. Greg and Catherine reside at 15012 Beacon Ridge Drive, Seneca, SC 29678. Greg's phone number is 864-784-1219, and Catherine's phone number is 864-986-9720.

Bridget Cromer joined the church on March 19, 2023, by statement of previous membership in another church. Bridget resides at 337 Katelynn Lane, Seneca, SC 29672, and her phone number is 803-730-8533.

John and Susan Rochester joined the church on March 19, 2023, by transfer letter from another Christian church. John and Susan reside at 1409 Waterview Court, Seneca, SC 29672. John's phone number is 864-557-0595, and Susan's phone number is 864-903-5886.

Andrew and Valerie Holliday joined the church on March 19, 2023, by statement of previous membership in another church. Andrew and Valerie reside at 106 Price Lane, Sunset, SC 29685. Andrew's phone number is 864-430-3254, and Valerie's phone number is 480-225-2082.

Sandra Borgstedt joined the church on March 26, 2023, by transfer letter from another Christian church. Sandra resides at 116 Doyle Drive, Seneca, SC 29678, and her phone number is 803-707-2122.



Greetings from the preschool!

Our preschool is full for the summer AND the 2023-2024 school year. Registration went well and we are excited about another busy year.

Our 4k classes finished their art unit, and I hope some of you were able to enjoy their masterpieces. They spent 7 weeks learning about different artists and art styles while digging deeper into 7 Bible lessons to go along with their pieces.

We will be traveling to the zoo in April and getting ready for our May events.

Reaching new heights. Leading children to be confident followers of Jesus.

Rebecca Sires



**Thankful Hearts
Meet at Trinity to go to
Longhorn
Thursday, April 6
10:45 am**

**If you have any questions,
call Cherry Bell
at 864-203-2260.**

Change of Date: Brotherhood Meeting Meal April 24 at 6:00 pm



Dear Trinity,

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you so much for all your love and support recently during Pam's cancer diagnosis and surgery. The calls, cards, visits, meals, and most of all your prayers, have meant more to us than you'll ever know! Through this storm we were reminded again to count our many blessings and you all have been heaven sent!

Thanks again,
Stephen and Pam Scruggs

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

UNDESIGNATED SUMMARY

February 2023

	January	February	March	1st QTR Total	Year to Date Total	Year to Date Budget	Percent Over/ Under
BUDGET RECEIPTS ¹	\$ 58,285	\$ 45,370	\$ -	\$ 103,655	\$ 103,655	\$ 123,942	-16%
BUDGET EXPENSES							
Missions	\$ 4,770	\$ 4,961	\$ -	\$ 9,731	\$ 9,731	\$ 12,394	-21%
Education & Outreach	\$ 39	\$ 904	\$ -	\$ 943	\$ 943	\$ 3,255	-71%
Facilities: Maintenance & Expenses	\$ 10,996	\$ 28,923	\$ -	\$ 39,919	\$ 39,919	\$ 27,272	46%
Pastoral & Pulpit Ministry	\$ 16,415	\$ 17,832	\$ -	\$ 34,246	\$ 34,246	\$ 36,900	-7%
Family Ministry	\$ 27	\$ 135	\$ -	\$ 162	\$ 162	\$ 2,233	-93%
Senior Adult Ministry	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 417	-100%
Young Adult Ministry	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 83	-100%
Youth Ministry	\$ 1,226	\$ 4,272	\$ -	\$ 5,498	\$ 5,498	\$ 12,832	-57%
Children's Ministry	\$ 2,451	\$ 3,873	\$ -	\$ 6,324	\$ 6,324	\$ 7,786	-19%
Music Ministry	\$ 2,838	\$ 4,382	\$ -	\$ 7,220	\$ 7,220	\$ 7,645	-6%
Administrative Expenses	\$ 5,554	\$ 5,382	\$ -	\$ 10,936	\$ 10,936	\$ 13,125	-17%
TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES	\$ 44,316	\$ 70,665	\$ -	\$ 114,981	\$ 114,981	\$ 123,942	-7%
NET INCREASE (DECREASE)	\$ 13,969	\$ (25,295)	\$ -	\$ (11,325)	\$ (11,325)		
Budget Receipts ¹ - YTD		\$ 103,655					
Budget Needs - YTD		\$ 123,942					
Budget Expenses - YTD		\$ 114,981					
Net Over (Under)-Receipts vs. Needs			\$ (20,287)				
Net Over (Under)-Receipts vs. Expenses			\$ (11,325)				
Undesignated Balance		\$ 592,117					
Designated Balance (excluding TBF)		\$ 311,107					
Trinity Baptist Foundation Balance		\$ 312,096					

Total Cash and Investments as of February 28th, 2023 **\$ 1,215,319**

Note 1: Receipts do not include interest