

*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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*By Dr. Ryan Wilson*

*Celebrating 20 years of Ministry with Tony Vincent*

We will be celebrating Tony's 20th anniversary at Trinity on Sunday, October 27, during our 10:30 worship time. We will then have a church-wide lunch in the fellowship hall. I hope that you will plan to be there! Please invite back anyone who has been impacted through Tony's ministry over the years as we celebrate what God has done through his calling. Bring a card to show Tony your love and appreciation.

Many of you know that we called Tony as our Minister of Education, where he served for about nine years. Then, after Jo Vickery retired in 2013, the Personnel Committee recognized various gifts that Tony had and we hired him as our Associate Minister with three primary areas of emphasis: Music, Missions, and Senior Adults. Tony has served well in all three areas ever since!

Not only are we celebrating Tony's contribution to the life and mission of our church, but we also recognize Kristen's contributions as well. Tony met Kristen through a mutual friend while she was serving as a CBF short-term missionary (3 years) in California. And the rest is history you might say, as we have been fortunate to have her here with Tony serving in various capacities with our choir, preschool, and children's committee. We are grateful for her contributions!

We have also been blessed by their twins, Carter and Caroline, who are now in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Plan to come with a card on the 27<sup>th</sup> to say thank you to the Vincent family and stay for a great lunch at the church!

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**WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS**

**DEACONS**

6-Todd Wilson                      13-Tony Williams  
20-Chuck Middleton              27-Curtis Brock

**USHERS**

6-Pat Cromer, Jim Foster, Martha Hammett, Ben Kroeger, Gene Meason, Jeff Nix, Steve & Gayle Grogan, Bill Sandifer, Sandra Borgstedt  
13-Barry Duvall, Kent Norman, Buddy Poole, Tim Hydrick, Chuck Middleton, Matt Powell, Stephen Scruggs, Tucker Hydrick, Bill Thompson, Tony Williams  
20-Mike Smith, Josh Barker, Junior Bearden, Eddie Burkett, Robert Davis, Wendy Evans, Debby Howard, Jeff Hulse, Charlie Thompson, Tommy Shaver  
27-Cortni Nations, Jason Crawford, Nick Groomes, David Jeffcoat, Lane & Jamie Price, Jackie Sheriff, John Thompson

**FLOWERS**

6-Norman Pope                      13-Ron & Carla Gambrell  
20-Wallace Peebles                27-Mike & Debbie Sewell

**GREETERS**

6--SS Side Door--Charlie Thompson; SS Fellowship Hall Door-David & Brenda Howle; Worship Side Door-Madi Duvall, Debby Howard; Worship Sanctuary Door-Andy & Kris Frady  
13-SS Side Door-Ron & Carla Gambrell; SS Fellowship Hall Door-John & Nan Thompson; Worship Side Door--Pete & Aubrey Giacomelli; Worship Sanctuary Door-Jeff Nix  
20-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 Hart  
27-Empty Nesters Class

**SOUND TECHNICIANS**

6-David Bryant & Al LeRoy  
13-Stephen Scruggs & David Bryant  
20-Al LeRoy & Leon Scott  
27-Leon Scott & Pete Giacomelli

**SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP**

6-Mark Burns                      13-Buddy Poole  
20-Harry Stancil                    27-Joe Robinson

**NURSERY LIST FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL**

6-Ashley Ellison                    13-Susan Williams  
20-Kristen Vincent                27-Matt & Sydney Howle

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADERS**

6-Lydia Patteson                    13-Olivia Sires  
20-Krissy Boggs                    27-Charolotte Kiker

**NURSERY LIST FOR WORSHIP**

6-Tracey Crawford, Harris & Brittany Martin  
13-Tina Middleton, Matt & Sydney Howle, David & Heather Land  
20-Pete & Aubrey Giacomelli, Ben & Laruen Kroger, Claire Welch  
27-Phil & Marian Corn, Debby Howard, Paige Drisgula

**COUNTING COMMITTEE**

6-Kent Norman, Buddy Poole, Ben Nix  
13-Martin Hemphill, Greg Towe  
20-Pat Cromer, Jeff Nix  
27-Doug Dyson, Ben Kroeger

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER**

2 - Grilled Chicken, Baked Potatoes, Salad, Rolls, Dessert  
9 - No Meal / Fall Break  
16 - Poppy Seed Chicken Casserole, Butter Peas, Roasted Potatoes, Rolls, Dessert  
23 - Chili Beans, Baked Potato Bar, Corn Bread, Dessert  
30 - Fall Festival: Hot Dogs, Chips, Cupcakes

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

Happy Fall! I love this cooler weather. It makes me so happy to watch the leaves change colors. It is an awesome reminder of God's love for us all. How amazing is it that the God that created the heavens and earth also took the time to make you and me.

Wednesday nights are off to a great start. I am thrilled to see so many of our children enjoying our choir and missions programs. A HUGE thank you to ALL our volunteers. These programs would not be possible without you!

Mark your calendars...our 1st-5th graders be leading us in worship on November 10 and December 8. They will be learning these songs on Wednesday nights; so please make every effort to have them here. We sent a CD home with the 12/8 music so they can be practicing. Our 3, 4, and 5 year olds will be singing on November 24.

TRUNK OR TREAT and FALL FESTIVAL is Wednesday, October 30. Sign up on the children's bulletin board outside the fellowship hall to decorate your car and hand out candy. If you are unable to join us, feel free to donate candy to the church office.

**Annie Gambrell**

*Youth News*

**884-7334**

**Brandon Gambrell**

**617-3667**

Welcome to October, everyone. September flew by as we kicked off regular school year activities here at Trinity. We were able to start off by enjoying a wonderful worship event at the Farm Center. Several of the youth girls were able to help with face painting, even if they left with more painting on themselves than they did for others! We have also started back to normal Sunday and Wednesday nights which is so exciting.

Our game plan for this semester is to spend time on Sundays discussing topics that will hopefully be most applicable to the youths' everyday lives. We started off by talking about the characteristics of God so we have a true understanding of who we are learning about and are in a relationship with. On Wednesday nights, Annie is planning on doing simple book studies on books of the Bible. We have started with Ruth as some students had requested. We are excited to expand our knowledge of scripture.

Finally, Annie and Brandon want to thank all of the parents who have helped and will help throughout this semester. We could not be half as effective at serving the youth if it wasn't for parents who happily volunteer their time and resources. We are truly grateful to you parents and non-parents who pour your hearts out into these students. We are so excited for what is to come this month. FALL FESTIVAL, who doesn't love it?



## October is a Missions Month (Every Month is a Missions Month!)

### Pray for our "Teacher Team" headed to Romania this month!

- This month a team of **four Oconee County educators are traveling to Bucharest, Romania**, to offer continuing education for the teachers at the Ruth School. The Ruth School began 30 years ago as a school for primarily Roma (gypsy) children who were not welcome in public schools at the time. The population of the Ruth School is still primarily Roma, and the school is located in one of the poorest areas of Bucharest. These four teachers (**Tracey Crawford, Brittany Martin, Sheridan Crouch, and Malissa Stephens**) are giving up their Fall Break week to go and serve God by helping the teachers at the Ruth School with their classrooms. Please pray for safe travels and effective work that will strengthen the good work that the Ruth School does!
- Speaking of Mission Trips: You will have three different opportunities to join in the work of God through short-term mission trips in the next several months: we'll go to support the work of our Encourager Church partner, Scarlette Jasper, in **Corbin, Kentucky, on December 1-4**. Scarlette provides thousands of Christmas gift boxes to local children; and we will help pack, organize, and deliver the gift boxes to local schools. Our next trip to **Guatemala** to build houses and support the work of Catalyst Resources International will be **March 15-22 (Spring Break week)** and is open to high school students and adults. Our next trip to **Romania** to work with our partners at the Ruth School will be **May 30-June 7** (approximately) and is also open to high school and adults. Look for information about these upcoming trips soon, or see Tony if you're interested in one or all of them!
- In November we will have a church-wide mission project to collect **Christmas gift boxes** for children in Southern Kentucky and Northeastern Tennessee. Each Christmas our **Encourager Church partner Scarlette Jasper** provides thousands of these gift boxes for area children. Our goal is 200 boxes to deliver with our team who will travel to Kentucky the first week of December. Look for the packing list and display of gift boxes toward the end of October as we prepare for November's collection!

## LLL (Living Longer & Loving It) Trinity's Senior Adult Ministry

Friday, October 11, 5:30 pm

*Dinner at Walhalla Steakhouse Cafeteria and then The Return: A Beatles Tribute at the Walhalla Performing Arts Center First 20 to sign up reserve a ticket—Cost: \$40 plus dinner*

Thursday, November 7, 9:00 am

*Tentative date for return to Foxfire Museum, Cupboard Café, and Osage Farmers Market  
(September trip postponed)*



JAN DISMAS

**ZELENKA**

October 19, 2024 - 7:00pm  
Trinity Baptist Church  
504 S Oak St, Seneca, SC 29678

Missa Sanctissimae Trinitatis ZWV 17

Allyss Haecker, soprano  
Amber James, mezzo-soprano  
Zachary Wheeler, tenor  
Alexander Birch, baritone  
Jane Dill, organ

We are honored to host this opportunity to hear an impressive musical work on Friday, October 19, at 7:00 pm. This program is a part of the doctoral work of one of our Trinity Choral Scholars, Alex Birch, and he has some wonderful vocalists, an outstanding organist, and a string quartet who will be providing accompaniment for this program. Come enjoy this night of music and support Alex!



**Trinity Baptist Church  
Deacons Meeting Minutes  
August 25, 2024**

Deacons Present: Curtis Brock, Al LeRoy, Michael Martin, David Nations, Jamie Price\*, Todd Wilson

Ex-officio: Ryan Wilson and Tony Vincent

Devotional and Prayer

- Dr. Wilson shared a devotion on the blessings of wisdom. Ryan emphasized portions of his sermon last week on wisdom (Solomon's wisdom) shared one of the first judgment scenarios with the two women that brought her custody debate to him as king. This morning, Dr. Wilson reminded us that even with Solomon's wisdom, he certainly made poor judgment in his life. Ryan emphasized to us the importance of continually praying for wisdom and to lean on Christ versus our own understanding.

Minutes from the June 23, 2024 and July 23, 2024

- The minutes of the June 23, 2024 and the July meetings were discussed and then accepted unanimously.

Senior Minister's Report

- The start of the school year has gone well and the TBC official school year starts this week.
- *What it means to be a Christian* continues and has been well attended throughout.
- 5-choir Concert including the SHS Madrigals takes place at Trinity today at 4:00.
- Wednesday Night Service on September 4 will include a missions focus / fundraiser auction that goes entirely to our mission trips and ministry here at TBC.
- Elevate Oconee takes place September 8<sup>th</sup>, from 5-8 PM.
- Our "normal" Wednesday Night meal and Bible studies will begin on September 11.
- SWU Singers will be a part of our AM worship service on September 15. An Outreach Breakfast will take place that same morning.
- Brotherhood will take place on Monday, September 22.
- We will be celebrating two baby dedications coming up in October.
- Tony's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of service here at Trinity Baptist will be October 27.
- Our Fall Festival will take place October 30<sup>th</sup> this year.
- Ski Trip Meetings and planning are taking place in the near future.
- We have three Choral Scholars again this year: Dalton Land, Madelyn LeRoy, and Alex Birch. Alex will be leading an October 19<sup>th</sup> as well.

Personnel Committee Recommendations

- Mr. Stephen Scruggs presented a recommendation from the Personnel Committee that Mr. Stelan Martin be our College and Career ministry on a part-time basis here at Trinity Baptist Church.
- The deacons accepted this recommendation unanimously.
- The deacons discussed custodial services here at Trinity. A job description for the services and/or the position is being drafted currently. A reporting system for custodial services and/or points of emphasis for cleaning is being creating for both accountability and consistency's sake. Mr. Kelvin Moore is going to take on the custodial role for us instead of assisting Mr. John Moore as he has done for some time. Dot James cleans the nursery area once per week. The Pre-school is a separate entity and cleaning services are handled within the program. Periodically, we will hire outside services for more industrial, deep cleaning needs.

Old Business

Buildings and Grounds Update

- The Parking lot project is now down to landscaping, irrigation, and lighting. The parking lot lighting equipment is coming our way soon. Once it arrives, we will begin putting up the light poles and completing the lighting of the lot. Landscaping would be happening very soon after that work is complete.
- The Carillon Bells' refurbishment is beginning to finalize now as the new strikers are coming soon and the board to put it all together are heading our way. There are still some significant delays in the process that we are trying to expedite.
- We continue to look into our internet / phone service according to the needs of the church, both present and future. Presently, we feel the needs of the church are being met with our current services.

New Business

- There was no new business presented at this meeting.

Financial Report

The following information is from the financial reports for April, May, June, and July 2024. The August and September financial reports were not available prior to this submission for the October issue of *The Carillon*.

Undesignated

- Receipts for the month of April was \$75,268. Our total budget expenses in April was \$58,344. That left a surplus of \$16,925 for the month.
- Receipts for the month of May was \$60,668. Our total budget expenses in May was \$62,765. That left a deficit of \$2,097 for the month.
- Receipts for the month of June was \$68,129. Our total budget expenses in June was \$53,722. That left a surplus of \$14,408 for the month.
- Receipts for the month of July was \$82,734. Our total budget expenses in July was \$58,682. That represents a surplus \$24,052.
- Our Year-to-date budget receipts (as of July 31, 2024) were \$450,649, and our budget needs (as of July 31, 2024) were \$448,271. Our Budget expenses Year-to-date (as of July 31, 2024) were \$413,242. The net overage for budgeting needs is \$2,378; additionally, we have a \$37,407 surplus of receipts versus budget expenses year-to-date.
- Total Cash and Investments for Trinity Baptist Church, as of July 31, 2024, was \$1,310,440.
- The Total Undesignated Balance ending July 31, 2024 was \$792,732.

Designated

- The total, ending balance of the Trinity Baptist Foundation (Jolly Scholarship) for July 31, 2024 was \$385,246.
- The balance of our Designated Account, excluding the Trinity Baptist Foundation (Jolly Scholarship) for July 31, 2024 was \$132,462.

Mr. Curtis Brock adjourned the meeting in prayer.

The Deacons Meeting Minutes are presented to the church for information prior to its official acceptance by the deacons in the October 27 meeting.

The next meeting will take place on October 27. There will not be a meeting in September due to Dr. Wilson and several deacons being unavailable to be present.

Respectfully submitted and yours in Christ,

Al LeRoy



We are off to an amazing start in our preschool. We have a building full of happy and healthy kids and teachers.

September was a full month as we started school, started chapel, had fall pictures, went to the Heritage Fair, and had an apple festival here at school.

We are looking forward to October when we will travel to the Brocks' Pumpkin Patch on Friday, October 25. This is always a favorite fall trip. Hayrides, Games, and Pumpkins! A HUGE thank you to Mr. Curtis and Mrs. Susan for opening their home up to us!!!

We continued to be blessed by the love and support of all our preschool parents and church family. Please know how much your support and trust means to all of us.

“Reaching New Heights. Leading children to be confident followers of Jesus”

### Passion Conference Announcement:

Annie and Brandon are currently planning for a young adult trip to Passion Conference in Atlanta on January 6th through 8th. This conference is specifically for young adults and includes sessions with guest speakers like Louie Giglio, Sadie Robertson, Tim Tebow, and Christine Caine; as well as worship led by individuals like Kari Jobe, Passion Music, Brandon Lake, and Crowder in previous years. We currently have 10 spots available for young adults ages 18-25. While there are still details that have to be planned, such as hotel accommodations, we are anticipating a cost around \$100-150 per person. This would cover tickets and contribute to other costs. We will plan for a formal interest meeting at a later date once more specific information is available. If you or someone you know are interested in attending, please contact Brandon or Annie, and they will add you to the list of those interested. We are so excited for the young adults of Trinity to have the opportunity for this experience.



### Thankful Hearts

October 3 at 10:45 am  
Meet at Trinity Baptist  
for lunch at Sole on the Green.  
If there are any questions, please  
call Cherry Bell at 864-221-3769.



**Brotherhood Meeting & Meal  
Wild Game Dinner @ The F.A.R.M. Center  
October 28 at 6:00 pm**



### Staff Birthday:

Ryan Wilson - Oct. 18  
Tony Vincent - Oct. 20  
Stelan Martin - Oct. 26

### Staff Anniversary:

Tony Vincent - Oct., 2004  
Bill Morrow - Oct., 2020