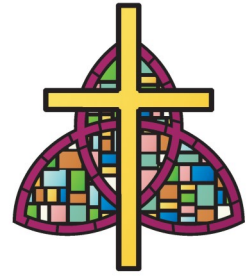


*Vision Statement*

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*

*“A Christmas Prayer”*

I ran across this prayer last week by Robert Louse Stevenson and thought it would be a good thought for us this December. He was a Scottish novelist, essayist, poet and travel writer. He is best known for works such as *Treasure Island*, *Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, *Kidnapped*, and *A Child's Garden of Verses*. Stevenson wrote:

*Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus,  
That we may share in the song of angels,  
The gladness of the shepherds,  
And the worship of the wise men.  
Close the door of hate and open the door of love,  
All over the world.*

*Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with  
Every greeting.*

*Deliver us from evil by the blessing, which Christ brings,  
And teach us to be merry with clean hearts.  
May the Christmas morning make us happy to be  
Thy children,*

*And the Christmas evening bring us to our beds  
With grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven,  
For Jesus' sake.*

*Amen!*

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### WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

#### DEACONS

1-John McRoberts  
15-Caroline Davis  
29-Michael Martin

8-Stephen Scruggs  
22-Felicia LeRoy

#### USHERS

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

#### FLOWERS

Poinsettias for the month of December.

#### GREETERS

1-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  
8-SS Side Door-Ron & Carla Gambrell; SS Fellowship Hall  
Door-John & Nan Thompson; Worship Side Door- Pete &  
Aubrey Giacobelli; Worship Sanctuary Door-Jeff Nix  
15-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  
22-Empty Nesters Class  
29-SS Side Door-Ann Carwile, Becky Scruggs; SS Fellowship  
Hall Door-Jason Crawford, Dot James; Worship Side Door-  
Ashley Robertson, Pat Cromer; Worship Sanctuary Door-  
Wallace Peebles

### SOUND TECHNICIANS

1-David Bryant & Al LeRoy  
8-Stephen Scruggs & David Bryant  
15-Al LeRoy & Leon Scott  
22-Leon Scott & Pete Giacobelli  
24-David Bryant & Al LeRoy  
29-Stephen Scruggs & David Bryant

### SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

1-Jackie Sheriff  
15-Buddy Poole  
29- Joe Robinson

8-Mark Burns  
22-Harry Stancil

### NURSERY LIST FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

1-Ashley Ellison  
15-Kristen Vincent  
29-Pete & Aubrey Giacobelli

8-Susan Williams  
22-Matt & Sydney Howle

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADERS

1-Charolette Kiker  
15-Krissy Boggs  
29-Ashley Ellison

8-Rebecca Sires  
22-Nursery Workers

### NURSERY LIST FOR WORSHIP

1-Wendy Groomes, Kinsey Scott, Diane Cavender  
8- Pete & Aubrey Giacobelli, Ben & Lauren Kroger, Claire  
Welch  
15- Phil & Marian Corn, Paige Drisgula, Debby Howard  
22-Nursery Workers  
29-Keaton Plyler, Tucker & Ashlyn Hydrick

### COUNTING COMMITTEE

1-Kent Norman, Buddy Poole, Ben Nix  
8-Martin Hemphill, Greg Towe  
15-Pat Cromer, Jeff Nix  
22-Doug Dyson, Ben Kroeger  
29-Wendy Evans, Hazel Smith, Jeff Nix

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

4 - Veggie Soup, Cornbread, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches  
11 - Christmas Dinner: Ham, Mac 'n Cheese, Green Beans,  
Pineapple Casserole, Rolls, Dessert  
18 - Chicken & Stuffing Casserole, Butter Peas, Rolls, Dessert  
25 - Merry Christmas!

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

Rebecca Sires

Children's Corner

903-1303/Siresfamily5@gmail.com

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Blessing Tree. Our elementary schools are blessed to be supported by a church family like Trinity. 2024 has been a hard year for many families and this is a great blessing to so many parents. I also want to thank all the volunteers that make Sunday school and Wednesday night activities possible throughout the year. You are amazing and so greatly appreciated.

**Please remember to have the Blessing Tree gifts wrapped and returned to Trinity with the tag attached by Sunday, December 15.**

Family Night Gingerbread House Making is Wednesday, December 4 at 6:30  
**Please sign up for this event on the children's bulletin board outside of the fellowship hall**

Our children's choirs will be leading us in worship on December 8.

Our Chaotic Christmas Pageant is Wednesday, December 11.

We will take the children caroling Wednesday, December 18.

Although 2024 has had its ups and downs, it has been a year full of blessings, kindness, service, and love. There is no better way to teach a child about the love of Jesus than by showing it to them through acts of service and kindness.

Thank you, Trinity family, for being the hands and feet of Jesus.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**Annie Gambrell**

*Youth News*

**884-7334**

**Brandon Gambrell**

**617-3667**

Happy December and Christmas season everyone! We hope you and your family had a wonderful Thanksgiving full of reminders of God's blessings. November was so fun. We got to hear from Anne-Hamilton LeRoy about her testimony and relationship with God as a college athlete. We've been exploring the book of Revelation to answer some questions students have had, and we've been able to have a lot of fun together as a youth group.

December is always a crazy full month. We will have our youth Lock-In on December 20. We are going to SpareTime in Greenville! If you are able and desire to help in any way with the Lock-In, please contact Annie or Ryan. We would love to have you! We also will be inviting more individuals to come speak to the youth on Sunday nights every few weeks. If you or someone you know would like to share their testimony or other life experiences with the youth, you can sign up on Annie's desk or contact her directly. We also have sign-ups for Lock-In and Ski Trip open and available through December 15<sup>th</sup> before we open them up to friends.

We are so excited for this holiday season! Thank you all for the continuous ways you continue to support Trinity's youth!

**December is a Missions Month (Every Month is a Missions Month!)**

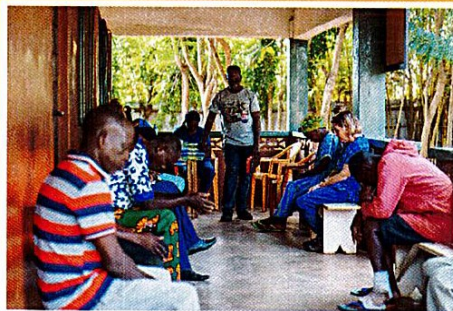
*Pray for our Kentucky team as they serve December 1-4!*

*Fifteen folks from Trinity are headed up the mountain this month to join in the work of our Encourager Church partner, Scarlette Jasper. They'll be taking with them 200 Christmas gift boxes for children and adults that will be shared through community partners, and they'll help package and distribute over 4,000 boxes. Thank you for your prayers for this team, and thank you for the generous ways you support Trinity on Mission! Our December focus will be the CBF Offering for Global Missions!*



**OFFERING FOR  
GLOBAL MISSIONS**

**BECAUSE PRESENCE MATTERS**



*For hundreds of years, Baptists have historically given to support global missions during the Advent and Christmas season. Here at Trinity we give our money to support the work of CBF missionaries around the world. This year we will hear stories in worship from Togo in West Africa, as well as stories from the work of missionaries along the Mexican-American border. God is at work in our world!*

*Please consider giving generously to support these missionaries being the presence of Christ in our world!*

***Our goal at Trinity is \$10,000***

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

**Tuesday, December 10, 6:00 pm**

Our annual Christmas dinner at Crown & Crest (114 N. Walnut St. in downtown Seneca) featuring a catered dinner and a program of Christmas music by local artist Luke Riley Smith.

**Sign up today! Cost: \$25 per person, payable at the event**



  
*A Special*  
**THANK YOU**  


Thank you for your love, support, calls, meals, prayers, visits to the hospital and to our home during Dean's long-term illness and dialysis treatments. As "Trinity Family," you were always there willing to help; willing to do whatever was necessary or needed. Trinity is a very loving and caring church. We are blessed to be a part of Trinity. We were overwhelmed by your presence and compassion expressed at Dean's memorial service. Your kindness will always be remembered and cherished as we continue to grieve and adjust to the loss of our loved one.

The Family of Marshall Dean Scruggs



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

**Harris Martin** joined the church on October 27, 2024, by transfer of letter from another Christian church. Harris resides at 270 Theo Martin Rd., Westminster, SC 29693, with his wife, Brittany and their children. Harris's cell phone is 864-784-4181.

**David & Joy Hendricks** joined the church on November 10, 2024, by transfer of letter from another Christian church. David & Joy reside at 711 N. Acorn Way, Seneca, SC 29672. Their home phone is 864-617-5059; Joy's cell phone is 864-934-8284.



The holidays are an exciting time around the preschool. There is nothing better than experiencing the joy of Christmas than through a child's eyes. We have been talking about the importance of giving to those in need. Throughout the month of November, the preschool collected nonperishable food items to accompany donated turkeys. It is enough to provide meals for 32 families who may otherwise not have an opportunity to experience a Thanksgiving meal. This is a great ministry for them to be a part of and we are extremely proud of the lessons we have learned together about giving back to others.

- Our 4 years old and Kindergarten classes will spend a few days "traveling" around the world learning about holiday traditions in other cultures.
- We will finish up the calendar year with a spirit week and birthday party for baby Jesus.
  - Our Christmas Program is Friday, December 13 at 9:30am
  - The Preschool will be CLOSED for Christmas, December 19 - January 6.
  - Aftercare will be CLOSED December 23-27 and January 1

Love. Serve. Teach.

Reaching new heights leading children to be confident followers of Jesus

Rebecca Sires



## Thankful Hearts

December 5 at 10:45 am  
Lunch at Trinity Baptist  
Music & Games along with a yummy meal prepared by Susan Brock.  
If there are any questions, please call Cherry Bell at 864-221-3769.



## Staff Birthday:

Annie Gambrell - Dec. 4



*If you purchased a poinsettia(s), please remember to take your plant(s) home following the Christmas Eve Service.*

*Thank you!*