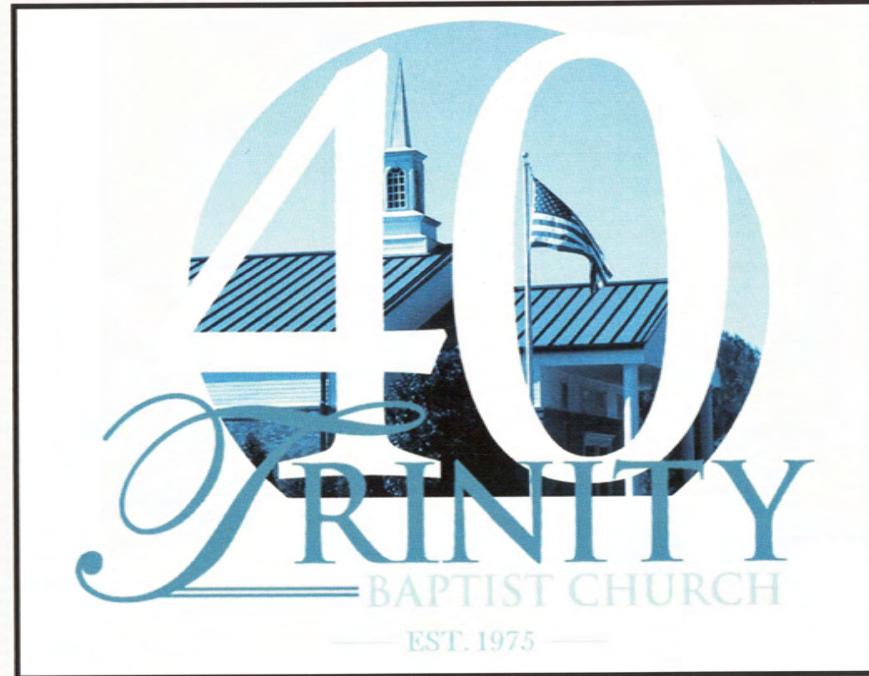




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Foreword:

In writing this short book, many lost memories became found in the back of my mind. As I would call to memory one incident, another one or two would make themselves known and I found myself writing more than I at first intended. The story of Trinity is one of many people allowing God to use them to accomplish His purpose in the lives of many others. I have attempted to write as detailed as possible without becoming too "wordy" and have tried to include many individuals who have been instrumental in carrying out the work of our Lord through the Church at Trinity.

It is impossible to name everyone who has been faithful and such an attempt would be futile. To say the least, Trinity is a cooperative effort of many talented and committed individuals who trust the Lord and are open to His leadership in their lives. From the very beginning to this present day, God's people have made up the cast of characters, faithfully playing their part, running their course, keeping the faith, and making the decisions which have resulted in the great ministry of Trinity Baptist Church. It has been my honor to be the pastor of a wonderful congregation of believers who have faithfully cared for their pastor and his family and have so dutifully sought to be A VOICE FOR GOD and have A HEART FOR PEOPLE.

- Joe Eason

The History and Heritage of Trinity Baptist Church, Nevils, Georgia
Forty Years of a Voice for God and a Heart for People!
"Upon this ROCK I will build MY Church and the gates of hell will not prevail."
(Matthew 16:18)

The story of Trinity Baptist Church in Nevils, Georgia is a story of excitement and treasured memories. The story began in the hearts of eight people who met at the home of Roscoe and Cora Roberts in August 1975. The seed planted that evening, through discussion and prayer, led to a meeting the following week at the same home with fifteen people attending the meeting. That day, September 3, 1975, those fifteen men and women established the Denmark Sunday School, which would later become Trinity Baptist Church.

The following Sunday, the first meeting of the Denmark Sunday School took place at the home of Roscoe Roberts and thus began the official launching of the active Church. Forty-two people attended the first Sunday School meeting which over-filled the home and made the church aware that a larger place for meeting would have to be secured.

Mr. Roberts was given the job of finding a suitable building, and within the week, he had located a place for the infant church to meet. A local farmer and businessman, Ray Hodges, who owned a building in Nevils which had been a farm supply business, gave the church the use of the facility without rent or lease payments. During this first meeting, a slate of officers was chosen. Deacons elected were Roscoe Roberts (chairman), Quinton Anderson, James Aldrich, and Bill Zetterower. A clerk, treasurer, Sunday School Superintendent, and Training Union (Discipleship Training) director were also chosen.

Sunday School members met on the following Saturday to clean and prepare the building provided by Mr. Hodges for the Sunday morning service.

By late Saturday afternoon, the building had been washed down, scrubbed, cleaned, and chairs had been moved in. A piano had been placed in the building, several Sunday School rooms had been readied, and the next morning fifty people arrived for the Sunday School and Worship Service to follow.

It was September 14, 1975, and it was a wonderful day. It was a clear and cool day, and the worship was exciting. The message the pastor preached was entitled "Where there is no vision, the People perish" from Proverbs 29:18. Following the morning worship service, the Sunday School held its first conference (Baptist term for business meeting). At this conference, the decision was made for the Sunday School to become a church and that its name would be Trinity in honor of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. So Trinity Baptist Church breathed her first breath on September 14, 1975. In this first conference, the Trinity Baptist Church called her first pastor, Dwain A. (Joe) Eason who has remained the pastor until the present time. Also in this conference, a committee (consisting of Bill Zetterower, C. J. Williams, and James Haygood) was selected to locate a suitable building site for the new church.

Two possible sites were presented in a called conference on September 24, 1975: one offered by Bill Zetterower and another offered by Roscoe Roberts.

The church voted unanimously to accept the property offered by Roscoe Roberts, located on Denmark Nevils Highway. The church expressed its sincere appreciation to both men for their generous offers to the church.

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On Sunday September 28, 1975, Trinity Baptist Church had its first call for membership. That morning 39 people joined the church and in the evening an additional member joined making a total of 40 people who became charter members. A list of the charter members include: Joe Eason (Pastor), Nancy Eason, Roscoe Roberts (Chairman of Deacons), Cora Roberts, Devon Roberts, Quinton Anderson (Deacon), Derita Anderson, Solly Trapnell, Martha Trapnell, James Aldrich (Deacon), Juanita Aldrich, Libby Lightsey, Robbie Lightsey, Palmer White, Barbie White, Bobby Barnard, Lois Barnard, Louie Scott, Bobbie Scott, Harold Smith, Jimmie Lou Smith, Robert Holland, Shirley Holland, C. J. Williams (Deacon), Yvonne Williams, Ricky Williams, Becky Williams, Neal Howard, Donna Howard, James Haygood, Jan Haygood, Bill Zetterower (Deacon), Dot Zetterower, Margaret Waters, Regina Waters, Kimberly Waters, Hal Smith, Marjorie Smith, Pam Smith, Stacy Smith, Mike Smith, and Gail Holland.

With the building site secured and the growing church looking for a permanent home, the church began to move forward with plans to start the building process. In conference on September 28, 1975, a building committee was named. Those serving on the first building committee were Louie Scott, Robert Holland, Bobby Barnard, Harold Smith, Solly Trapnell, James Haygood, and the entire "board of deacons."

The second Saturday in December saw the beginning of construction on a facility that would seat 120 people in its Sanctuary and contain 8 Sunday School rooms and a small social hall.

The Church decided that it would do most of the work on the building with volunteers from the congregation. Otha Akins, however, was hired to help lay out the building and give some direction to the construction, but the volunteers met every Saturday and worked practically from sunup to sundown.

The men worked on the building and the women cooked and furnished a mid-day meal for six Saturdays in a row until on the Second Sunday in February it was time to move in.

The congregation moved into the new facility on February 8, 1976. A date was set to dedicate the building during a special service to be held on the second Sunday of April 1976. The service was held and attended by over 100 people. A cornerstone was placed on the Southwest corner of the building that reads "To the Glory of God" and gave the date of completion. Artifacts from the year were placed inside the cornerstone to be opened and viewed in the future-perhaps after 100 years.

The following year, the church petitioned the Ogeechee River Baptist Association for membership. After receiving the petition for membership, the Association voted to extend the invitation for membership, and Trinity became an official member of the Ogeechee River Baptist Association, the Georgia Baptist Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Soon afterward and because of growth in membership, the church facility became inadequate, and a new building project was started. The project included two new Sunday School rooms, enclosure of a drive-through to create a nursery for the church, sectioning of the old social hall into two classrooms and adding a new, larger social hall on the Southern side of the building.

Several families opposed the enlargement and left the church fearing that new debt would not be tolerated and the church would not be able to continue to operate. But the vast majority of church members, now numbering about 100 people, were excited to be providing more space, more opportunity for service and continued growth. People were now attending from the surrounding towns, and the church continued to grow.

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Throughout the eighties several programs, mission projects, revivals, and conferences added to the activities of Trinity.

Revivals were held annually with pastors from other churches that were making an impact on their community. Larry Wynn (Hebron Baptist in Dacula), John Yarbrough (Perry First Baptist), Clark Hutchinson (Eastside Baptist in Marietta), O.H. "Tab" Smith (Daisy Methodist), Bobby Brinkley (Gum Branch Baptist), Inman Gerrald (Adrian Baptist), Thomas Barnard (Westside Baptist in Warner Robbins), and other pastors preached fervent, heart-felt messages of salvation and revival, and many were added to the church.

From the time of the church's founding in 1975, the pastor led the Church while also working full-time as a school teacher. As a part-time pastor, the job was often difficult but with much cooperation and participation from the church body, the church served the community and the Lord, making an impact on hundreds of lives.

By the early nineties the congregation had reached a total of over two hundred resident members. The job of pastoring had become more and more intense and the time involved had reached the point of decision-making on the part of Pastor Eason. "Do I continue to teach school or do I pastor the church?"

At first, the answer was for the pastor to "cut back" on his time at school in order to devote more time to church work. The administration at Pinewood Christian Academy, where Pastor Eason taught, was extremely cooperative in allowing him time to serve the church. He was contracted to teach on a part-time basis but even this was proving to be too much because of the increase in the growth and demands placed on him by the Church.

A decision had to be made, and in 1995 Pastor Eason resigned his teaching position at Pinewood and became the first full-time pastor of Trinity Baptist Church.

The church was originally a committee-driven and operated church. There was a Sunday School Committee, Discipleship Committee, Social Committee, Building and Grounds Committee...well, you get the point. Everything had a committee to search out and find problems and report to the pastor so the pastor could find a solution to the problems.

It was during this time (in 1995) that Pastor Eason led the church to abolish the committee system and adopt the Lay-Leadership/ministry system of operation. All the committees were abolished and following the leadership guidelines of John Maxwell, the church began a vibrant and very successful Lay Ministry system of operation. Today the church has over 25 active Lay Ministries which seek to involve every church member in some fashion. From music to teaching, from deaconship to ushering, from media to Discipleship training, everyone can find a place of service at Trinity Baptist Church.

Following the decision to become full time as pastor and after adopting the Lay Ministry system of operation, the church began a period of rapid growth. From 1995 through the year 2000, the church grew from 203 to over 600 in membership.

In 1996, the Church began two morning worship services, both of them filled to capacity. It was then that the Church determined that a new sanctuary would be needed to accommodate the growing body and so began the planning for the present sanctuary that now serves as our worship center.

WRONGS LOVE DOES NOT DELIGHT IN EVIL BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH. IT ALWAYS PROTECTS ALWAYS TRUSTS



GERED. IT KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONGS. LOVE DOES NOT DELIGHT IN EVIL BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH. IT ALWAYS TRUSTS, ALWAYS HOPES, ALWAYS PERSEVERES. // FOR WITH GOD NOTHING SHALL BE IMPOSSIBLE. // F



Dedication of the First Sanctuary - 1976
"To the Glory of God"



Progressive pictures of the new facility being built in 1997





Dedication of the New Sanctuary 1997



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The plans for a new building included a sanctuary that would seat 490 people, nine additional rooms for education, restrooms, a sound and lighting center, a choir that would accommodate 70 people, and a paved parking lot that would park 140 automobiles.

In less than a year, the building was finished and in November 1997 the Church moved in to her new facility. On that first Sunday in the new sanctuary, it was packed with worshippers.

The addition of nine Sunday School classrooms was still not enough to accommodate the growing congregation. So the Church made plans to expand even further. In 1999, the Church voted to build a Family Life Center consisting of a common area that would seat 400, a stage, a kitchen, a youth center, four classrooms, storage, and restrooms. James Pearce, a local Christian contractor agreed to build the facility, and in just eight months the church was able to occupy the Family Life Center. Pearce did a magnificent job of construction at a cost far below the value of the facility. We are forever grateful to him and his company for a job, not only well done, but also done with great savings because of his generosity.

The church continued to grow and by the year 2007, the church was approaching 1000 members. Even with the church packed, chairs in the aisles and on the back walls, the pastor continued to hold only one service on Sunday. For a while there were two morning worship services, but there was a tendency to create a two-church congregation. The belief that everyone should be able to worship together was foremost in the pastor's mind and therefore two services were avoided. Future plans, however, called for the enlargement of the facility or erecting a new facility to take care of continued growth and development.

Anticipating that sometime in the near or distant future the church would need additional land on which to build and grow, the Church began a search for property. Several places were identified as choice areas to build. None, however, became available.

Mr. C. J. Williams (Chairman of Deacons) approached a local land owner about a tract of property adjacent to the church. The deacons suggested that we offer this property owner 10,000 dollars an acre for 10 acres of his land. The land owner was rather adamant that he would not sell, and we continued to pray for another area to become available.

On a Saturday morning, the pastor received a call from Mr. Williams. "You might want to sit down," he said. "What's wrong?" the pastor asked. "Nothing." Replied Mr. Williams. "I just want to tell you that I talked with the gentleman who has the land next to the church. He said he won't sell us 10 acres for 10,000 dollars an acre but if we want it, he will sell us the entire plot of land for 4,000 dollars an acre." That land consisted of 46 acres, a beautiful pond and very productive field. The church purchased the property, all 46 acres, for 184,000 dollars. After purchasing this property another area became available next to the church consisting of 11 acres that the church also purchased.

With enough property to serve the church for years to come, the church was now set to continue its growth and shed its concern about the availability of property on which to erect any future buildings or church operations.

Today, the church grounds consist of approximately 60 acres of prime Bulloch County land, bordering the Denmark-Nevils Highway and Interstate 16, and buildings which are valued at approximately 4.2 million dollars. One of the first items of business for the newly acquired land was to designate part of it as a church cemetery. The Trinity Memorial Cemetery was chartered in 2008 and is a beautiful and peaceful place of memory for the loved ones and members of Trinity.



Dedication of the New Sanctuary 1997

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MUSIC MINISTRIES

"O come, let us sing unto the Lord. Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation." (Psalm 95:1)

Music ministry at Trinity was originally a piano, a song leader, and a very small choir with a heart for music. Trinity's first piano was an old upright that had grand depth to its sound. Playing that piano were several of our members who took turns week by week accompanying the congregation with their musical ability. Regina Miles, Jimmie Lou Smith, and Nancy Eason were our original pianists with Regina being the one most often called upon. Regina later became the official pianist of the church and for several years was our faithful and accomplished accompanist.

Other church members became involved in church music, some singers and some players. We all remember our first duet of accompanists, Marty Waters on the piano and Joseph Eason playing the keyboard or the organ for Sunday School Assembly. These two made Trinity, which was quite small in those days, sound like an uptown church. Carol Powell and her daughter, Karen, became pianist and remained so for several years.

Nancy and Gary Kent joined Trinity in 1989 and also joined our music ministry. Nancy donated an organ to the church and became the church organist. Later, she accepted the job as pianist and Director of Church Music.

Music has always been a vital part of the church at Trinity. We believe that one of the best ways we can serve the Master is by singing songs and hymns of praise and anthems of worship to our Holy Trinity. From the beginning, Trinity has been a little different in her music. We have used tradition hymns in our worship, but we have also incorporated Southern Gospel, country gospel, and (to a much smaller degree) a bit of more modern music. But our worship time continues to revolve around the standard hymns of faith which for centuries have lightened the heart, encouraged the saints, brought praise and honor to the Saviour, and taught the doctrines of the faith through song. We believe, at Trinity, that the music should complement the message of the Gospel and, indeed, should teach the Gospel through song. And it does!

Our Music Ministry has been led through the years by both volunteer and paid staff. Our music ministers have included Bill Moore (now pastoring), Jimmie Lou Smith, Carol Powell, Ellen Whittle, and our present Minister of Music-Nancy N. Kent. Nancy has been with us since 1994 as our Minister of Music, and through her tenure the church music program has grown in quality and quantity and has blessed the hearts and lives of literally thousands.

Musical concerts, Sunday morning choir and group special music, musical guests (such as Mike Speck, who has been with us on numerous occasions, Down East Boys, Rex Nelson, The Easters, Blackwood Brothers, The Carolinians, The Hoppers, and Phil Cross... just to name a few of our notable guests over the years), and our own musical ensembles, who are unequaled in their musical talent and abilities, our Ladies Trios, our Men's Quartet, duets, soloists, all have rendered faithful and gracious service to the Lord and His Church with the sweetest music this side of Heaven.

Our Music Ministries begin with the very little ones. Our Cherub Choir consists of preschoolers who, from time to time, sing specials in church and our Children's Choir who, from time to time, also sing in the Church and have sung along with the Sanctuary Choir on special occasions. This choir has also performed many musical programs. Leaders of these choirs have included Tiffany Guerrero, Heather Mims, Faye Glisson, Christie McLendon, and Lynn Brant among others. The Sanctuary Choir consists of forty or more adults who meet every week for an hour and a half of practice and preparation. Those who sing in special music venues meet for additional practice. Our choir members take the ministry of music very seriously realizing that they are singing to the Glory of God and not for performance to man. As in all our ministries, the music ministry feels that "if it is Christian it ought to be better."

The music ministry also includes an instrumental ensemble section consisting of brass, woodwind, keyboard, and strings. The "orchestra" lends a beauty of accompaniment for the choir and congregation beyond the piano and organ. The orchestra is led by John Patrick.

Our music ministry is also active in various activities beyond the doors of the church throughout the year. Trios and Quartets and duets and soloists sing at revivals, Christmas events, Guido Garden musical events, Brooklet Peanut Festival and a number of other secular as well as church-related events.

Speaking of peanuts...One of the benefits of singing in the choir during the decade of the 90s was that the choir was often invited to go to the home of Thomas and Marie Waters following Sunday Evening services for swimming in their pool and hot boiled peanuts. Often Mr. Thomas would have a pot or two of homemade vegetable soup and a few sandwiches to snack on. We were never quite sure if Mrs. Marie was aware that Thomas had invited us by, but she was always gracious and the kindest and most generous of hostesses. Great memories!

We appreciate the commitment and dedication of all our musically talented members and the leadership of Nancy Kent.



Mike Speck (far right) with (left to right) Marty Waters, Nancy Kent, Nancy Eason, Joe Eason



Heather Mims, Liz Bauman and
Amanda Kicklighter Sing 2004



Men's Quartet - Sons of the Cross
Robb Kicklighter, Scott Rogers, Marty Waters, Jeff Smith



Ladies' Trio - Trinity Sanctuary Choir
Linda Smith, Amelia McCuen, Faye Glisson

The History and Heritage of Trinity Baptist Church DRAMA MINISTRY

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine but a broken spirit drieth the bones." (Proverbs 17:22) "I have become all things to all people so that by some means I might win some." (I Corinthians 9:22).

Another area where Trinity has made an impact on many lives is the area of Drama. Our Drama Ministry, led by Nancy Eason, has produced events and programs that are nothing less than amazing. From Easter programs with a cast of over 100 to Fall Festival country music shows, from Christmas plays to Dinner Theatre, and from Sunday Morning mini dramas to slapstick humor, the Drama Ministry is one of the favorite ministries of the church.

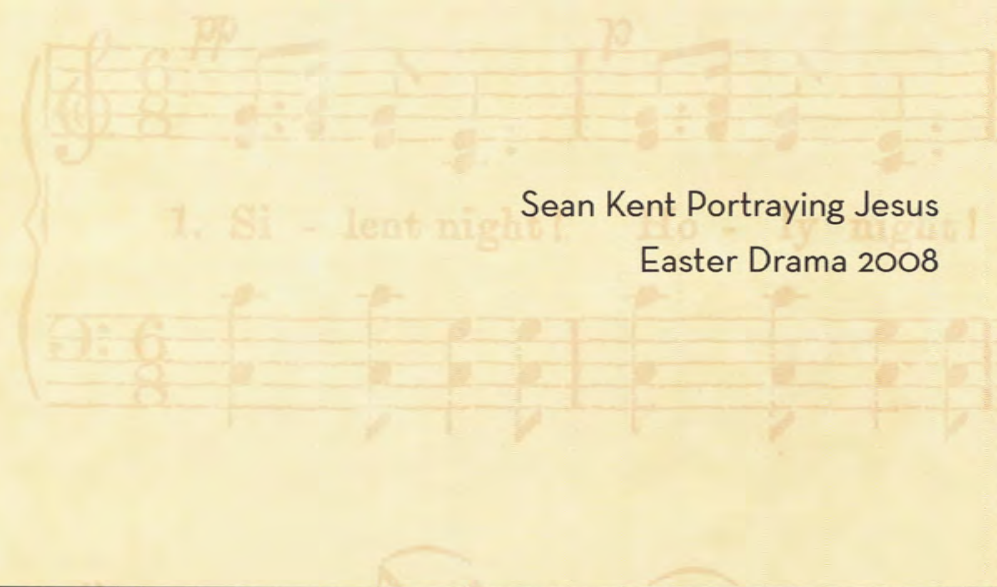
The Drama Ministry produces a fall show every year. Nancy has produced "Hee Haw" types of shows, Golden Oldies, Dinner Theatre, and Music from the decades of the 20s, 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s, and right on up to the most modern. Everyone loves a good show, and our Drama Ministry has lightened our hearts, brought great memories to our minds, inspired our souls, and presented the gospel in a unique and powerful way.

Nancy Eason includes people of all ages with all kinds of talent in preparing a production at Trinity. Stage hands, lighting, sound, script, scenery...there is almost no limit to the kinds of talent involved in producing a drama at Trinity. She has had people fall off the stage (Robb Kicklighter), jump over couches (Mollye Eason), fly through the air, hang on a cross (Sean Kent), sing, dance, forget their lines and recover, roll with laughter, and cry with heartbreak.

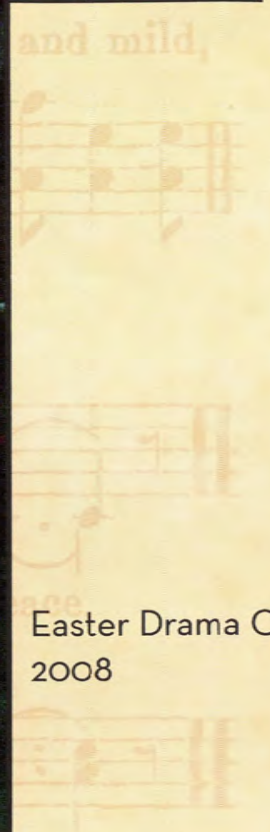
Some of the plays that were performed by our children include: THE LITTLE BELL THAT WOULDN'T STOP RINGING, DOWN AT THE CREEKBANK, DANIEL, DARIUS, AND DE LION, and NOAH'S ARK, to name a few. The Drama Ministry has also presented major productions, especially at Christmas and Easter. Combined with the music ministry these productions made the events of Easter and Christmas come alive with realistic and vivid scenes of the birth, life, death, and resurrection our Lord.



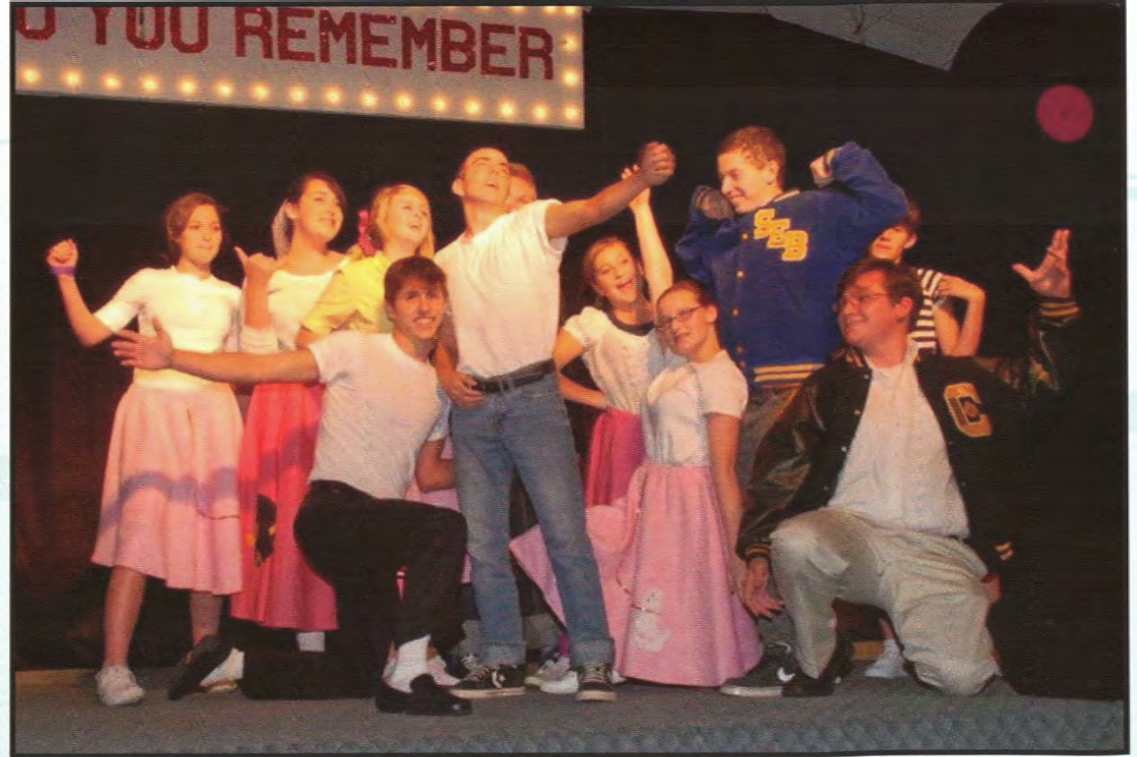
Ben Rountree and Johnnie Brant 2008:
A fierce Roman Soldier and a Jewish Subject!



Sean Kent Portraying Jesus
Easter Drama 2008



Easter Drama Cast
2008



Youth Drama Ministry

Another aspect of our Drama Ministry is Youth Drama. Through the years Trinity has had an abundance of "youth talent." In 2009 a young lady with much writing ability became an integral part of our Youth Drama. Amy Boatright wrote a touching drama entitled GAME SHOW MARATHON that was performed by the youth. Since then, Amy has written several skits and plays, and the youth, from time-to-time, present those to enhance our worship services and present the love of Jesus and the Gospel through drama.



WHEREVER YOU GO
AND WHATEVER YOU DO,
YOU WILL BE *blessed.*

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STUDENT MINISTRIES

"Remember now, thy Creator in the days of thy youth..." (Ecclesiastes 12:1)

Trinity has always had a vibrant and exciting youth ministry. In the beginning, the youth ministry was led by volunteers but none-the-less, a very active group of youth.

At the time of the founding of the church, one of the events that Trinity's youth participated in was the Association-wide youth rally. These rallies were held each month and each church in the Association was encouraged to take part with some presentation from their youth group. Trinity's youth usually performed a skit or song.

From this small but important beginning the youth department of Trinity grew into a vital and very active part of our church. Some churches say, "the youth are the church of tomorrow." At Trinity, we say, "the youth are a vital part of the church of today." Our contention is that the church is complete when every age group is represented in our plans and ministry. The youth ministry took a much broader turn in 1985 when Nancy Eason began to take the group to various camps, evangelism conferences, and training events. Super WOW was one of the most enjoyed and attended trips for our youth. Every summer the youth looked forward to visiting Jekyll Island for a week. Sandy (Mims) Smothers, added a touch of humor and helped keep the kids in good behavior(?). Many of our chaperones were trips unto themselves... The youth would eat, swim, enjoy the beach, worship, do missions projects, study, and grow close together and closer to God during an intense activity week.

The annual evangelism conference in Macon was another annual event for the youth. Six Flags over Georgia, Disney World, skating in the old Statesboro arena (even suffered a broken bone or two there), and bowling, were all creators of cherished memories for the youth of our early church days.

Youth Ministry was expanded even more when Trinity hired her first full-time Minister of Students, Angie Bauman.

Angie's ability to organize and to "put-together" an event led to a ministry of great outreach. Youth all-nighters and other youth events would bring in young people from all over the three-county area to enjoy the worship, fun, and fellowship provided at Trinity. When Angie left to become associated with the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Trinity called Brad Blackmon to lead our Department of Student Ministries. Brad did a great job of continuing youth work at Trinity while also serving as our Associate Pastor.

Brad left for a pastoral position at Brooklet First Baptist and Eric Fulmer became the Youth Director for a couple years. Eric not only worked with the youth but was a great help to the pastor in visitation, teaching, assisting in baptism, and other areas of service.

The youth of Trinity, today, are a very active group of students and ministers. Bob Creech, our present Director of Student Ministries and Associate Pastor, plans and directs youth projects which are carried on throughout the year. Some are projects of ministry to those who are needy and have no one else to provide help and some projects are done so that the youth can earn money to pay for special trips and church camps and retreats.

Our youth cook pancakes and serve them to the congregation, wash cars, cut grass, paint homes, clean yards, and are involved in a myriad of other projects in the course of doing ministry or raising funds for mission projects or camp.

Youth trips have been taken to water parks, the beach, Six Flags, skiing, whitewater rafting, Super WOW, Mission Fuge, Centrifuge, and other fun and serious places.

Some volunteer leaders of our youth and Student Ministries program in the past and present include: Nancy Eason, Shane and Angel Cribbs, Michelle Tootle, Fran Creech, and Robb and Amanda Kicklighter among others.



Trinity's Youth Loved Super WOW 1991



Super WOW 1995



College & Career Sunday School Class 2001



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The History and Heritage of Trinity Baptist Church CHILDREN'S MINISTRY & CHURCH NURSERY

"Allow the little children and forbid them not to come unto me for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." (Luke 18:16)

Trinity's Children's Ministry is one of the most important ministries of the church. It is vital that young children become a part of the church education program and become exposed to the teaching of the Lord at the earliest age possible. Cradle roll (infants) are not too young to begin to hear the songs of faith and the Word of the Lord. As the children mature and become capable of understanding the scriptures they are more likely to receive Christ as Saviour and Lord and thus begin a life-long love relationship with Jesus. Trinity has a very active Children's Ministry from pre-K through the sixth grade. Many have volunteered to teach and work with the children in a variety of activities that are church related, preparing them for the day when they will become youth and adult servants of the Lord.

Under the direction of Kathy Rigdon and Angela Summerford, Trinity's children have received the best education to start their life in Christ.

From GAs to RAs, Sunday School, Children's Church, Camps, Vacation Bible School, Children's Choirs, racing derby, Easter egg hunts, and dozens of other activities, the children are constantly learning the Bible, missions, music, how to live and work together and most of all, learning about the Saviour.

Children's Church also includes the early elementary children who attend part of the Morning Worship service with the entire congregation and then depart, at the time of offering, for a message more adapted to their age group.

Trinity is very grateful for the many dedicated teachers and classroom leaders that have volunteered countless hours educating our children in Sunday School, Discipleship Training, AWANA, and other programs throughout the years.



rejoice IN THE LORD ALWAYS; AND AGAIN I SAY, REJOICE!
PHILIPPIANS 4:4

Babies are a most valuable gift of God.



"I am fearfully and wonderfully made..." (Psalm 139:14)

We believe that babies should be exposed to the Word of God and kept safe, warm, and as happy as possible. The Church Nursery at Trinity has always been a safe, warm, and happy place. Mrs. Yvonne Williams began the work of the nursery when Trinity was just an infant. She, along with her sister, Shirley Holland were keepers of the children for several years. Following Yvonne and Shirley, Dot Zetterower, Carolyn Roberson, and Angel Cribbs were volunteer leaders of the nursery among others. Volunteers were always encouraged to help in the nursery work and in the 1990s, because of extra demands and to meet certain security and safety requirements, Trinity hired a Director of The Church Nursery. Parents can be certain that their children receive the best of care, and you'll find several volunteers as well as a couple of paid staff watching the children diligently, rocking the babies, playing with the toddlers on the floor, or feeding them "gold fish." Of course the fish are baked!

Since safety is top priority, the Church Nursery is also kept secure by trained members of our Security Ministry.

Children's Choir 2008



"Gofers Christmas" 1988



Children's Christmas Program 2008

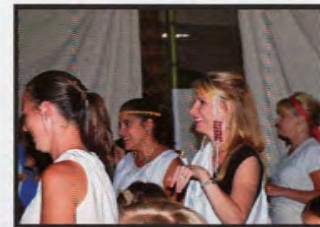
Cherub Choir Fun



BLESSED ARE THE
PURE IN *heart*,
FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD.

MATTHEW 5:8









DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

"Until I come again, give attention to the public reading of scriptures, to exhortation and teaching. Do not neglect the spiritual gift that is within you..." (1 Timothy 4:13-14)

Trinity has always had a Discipleship Training Program. In the early days it was called Training Union, then later, the name changed to Church Training. Today, Discipleship Training involves many things at Trinity. We believe that everyone in every ministry ought to receive training in order to be the best disciple he or she can possibly be. We believe at Trinity that, "If it is Christian, it ought to be better." So our lay leadership is given the opportunity to become more skillful through local church and denominational, as well as, extra-denominational training.

Our ushers, greeters, security team, children's workers, youth volunteers, and, in fact, all lay ministry are given opportunity as well as encouragement to seek training so that they can do what they are called to do with excellence. In addition of Lay Ministry Training, our Discipleship Training, involves fall, winter, and spring Discipleship Training classes for various discipleship development. Matthew Wise and Jennifer Waters lead the Discipleship Training program at Trinity. They often utilize the talents of Donna Jones and Marty Glisson to teach or lead class discussions on Finance, Spiritual Development, Christian Lifestyle, Raising Children, and Church Participation. The Discipleship Training Classes are usually held on Wednesday Evenings when several other Training events are taking place at Trinity.

On most Wednesday evenings, a Pastor's Bible Study Class is held in the auditorium, the Children's Ministry holds mission classes and choir rehearsals throughout the main building, and the youth are involved in various events in the Family Life Center. Wednesday Evenings are very busy at Trinity!

THOSE WHO WERE SENT OUT

"Go ye into all the world and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. And lo, I am with thee always, even to the ends of the earth." (Matthew 28:19-20)

During the last forty years, Trinity has sent out many people into the fields of Christian service. In addition to those whom the church ordained were former members who have entered Christian vocational ministries who were ordained by other churches. Those who were ordained by Trinity into Gospel Ministry include: Harold Smith (Pastoral), Marty Walker (Pastoral), David Hagan (Pastoral), Kyle Oglesby (Pastoral), Eric Fulmer (Pastoral), and Chris Roberson (Pastoral).

Others who were at one time members of Trinity who are now, or have been, in Christian ministry include: Michelle Tootle (Youth and Children), Angie Bauman (Seminary Professor), and Daniel Stall (Youth) among others.

In addition to these, the Church has licensed two individuals as Gospel Ministers: Nancy N. Kent (Licensed as Minister of Music) and Martin (Marty) G. Waters (Licensed as Minister of Gospel).

Trinity has a rich history of individuals who have faithfully given their lives in the cause of Christian ministry. We are proud, in a spiritual sense, of the service they have rendered to thousands of people in the name of our Lord Jesus.

MINISTRY OF ENCOURAGEMENT

"Not neglecting to meet together as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another..."

Trinity has always been a congregation of encouragement. In the beginning, when discouragement could have taken root and destroyed a newly found and very small congregation of believers, encouragement came from many directions. With a vision of what could be (Proverbs 29:18) the infant church worked together, prayed together, worshiped together and formed a bond of unity that saw them through some very lean years and led them to one of the greatest ministries in Southeast Georgia.

Prayer groups, letter writing, visitation, "pats on the back", all said, "All things are possible through Christ which strengthens us" and that encouragement was translated into patience, endurance, and success.

Today, Rhonda Smith is our "Barnabas" lady. Barnabas was known in the New Testament as the "Son of Encouragement". Through letter writing, sending cards, making phone calls, visitation, and a "pat on the back" much encouragement can be felt and can make a big difference in the servant who has met resistance in his or her walk with the Lord.

"Encourage one Another" is a staple in the spiritual food of Trinity.

BUILDING BEAUTIFICATION

"How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts." (Psalm 84:1)

Trinity is kept beautiful on the outside and inside. There is a lady of exceptional talent who keeps the inside lovely and decorated for each Sunday and special events. Kathy Montgomery is one of the most talented people in the area of building presentation.

Never does a special day go by without Kathy bringing special ornaments to beautify and express the occasion. Whether it is flags on patriotic occasions, manger scenes at Christmas, or scenes of the crucifixion and resurrection for Easter, Kathy always has an appropriate theme.

She, and her team work diligently to see that the front of the church and the foyers (and even the windows) are dressed for the occasion.

Together, Kathy Montgomery and Marty Glisson keep the inside and outside of the Church building in a way that honors the God we serve.

CAMPUS MANAGEMENT

"O Lord, I love the habitation of Thine house. The place where Your glory dwells." (Psalm 26:8)

The Church is not a building. The Church is the believer who has Jesus Christ living on the inside. However, the building where the church meets is a very special building. For one thing, it is a building dedicated to the Glory of God. That means that whatever goes on inside the building ought to bring glory and honour to the Lord of Hosts and nothing should be allowed which would bring dishonor. The buildings of Trinity have all been dedicated to God and thus should receive the utmost respect and care.

Over the years, we have had several who have taken care of the church buildings and all have done it with a commitment to excellence.

In the beginning, the members volunteered. Week by week different members would take on the task of seeing that the building was vacuumed, cleaned, dusted, and presented in a fashion that honored God.

After the church grew and more buildings were added it became a much bigger responsibility to see that the buildings were cared for.

The church hired its first caretaker, Mrs. Margaret Waters who lovingly cleaned and made certain the building was presentable. Following Margaret was JoAnn Rawls. JoAnn did the work of building caretaker until the New Sanctuary and Family Life Center were completed, and then the church hired its first full-time campus manager.

Today, our Director of Campus Management is Marty Glisson. Marty not only keeps the buildings free from soil, wear and tear, but he is in charge of the presentation of the entire church campus which consists of 32,000 square feet of building space, 2 storage buildings, a nine acre cemetery, and 45 acres of other grounds. His is a BIG job and Marty does it with excellence. He is a Jack-of-all-trades taking on all kinds of projects that call for repair, upkeep, safety, and presentation.

THIS IS THE DAY
THAT THE LORD HAS MADE
LET US *rejoice*
AND BE GLAD

KEENAGERS

"Gray hair is a glorious crown, it is attained in the way of Righteousness."
(Proverbs 16:31)

Seniors at Trinity (known as Keenagers), those aged 55 and above, are a very special part of our congregation. Those who have attained this age, who have lived long for the Lord, and have planted many seeds of kindness, honor, and service, deserve the respect and the honor of the younger members of the congregation. At Trinity, we seek to bestow on those who have thus labored the honor where honor is due.

Trinity's seniors meet once a month for a light lunch (and sometimes for a BIG lunch) and spiritual enrichment, encouragement, and recognition.

Lynn Brant, our Director of Seniors, always provides an interesting and profitable program. From exercise to finance, from spiritual growth to insurance, from gardening to cooking, the programs are always pertinent and loaded with information that is meant to make life better and easier for our seniors.

From time to time, Lynn, takes the seniors on a "field trip." Usually it is a field trip nearby, but once a year the seniors are invited to attend the Glory Conference at Ridgecrest Retreat Center in North Carolina. Those trips have always proven to be very interesting. Great preachers, (Jerry Vines, Junior Hill, Gene Williams) great singers, (the Perrys, Greater Vision, Squire Parsons, Mark Lowery) and great entertainers, (Geraldine and Ricky, Aaron Wilburn, Tom Lester who was Ebb on Green Acres) have appeared, entertained, encouraged and inspired our seniors at this conference.

While at the conference our seniors have shopped the shops in Black Mountain, visited the Billy Graham Retreat Center at the Cove, and (every year) stopped in at the Agricultural center for apples, sweet potatoes, pumpkins, and other North Carolina Produce. And did I mention...they like to stop at Cracker Barrel to eat and also shop at the Pottery Barn.

Lynn, also honors the seniors with a gift on their birthday month. These birthday gifts and door prizes which are given each month help show just how much our seniors mean to us.

We at Trinity want to always show our appreciation and thanks to our seniors for giving so much to the church and to the Lord's Kingdom for the years God has granted them.

GOD'S COMPANIONS

"Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of God and our Father is this. That you take care of the orphans and widows..." (James 27)

Martha Lane leads our ministry to widows. Martha, and her husband Larry, are an excellent team of ministers when it comes to showing the love of Jesus to those whose husbands have gone on to Glory. Nothing says emptiness like the passing of your life partner. Some who have been married for a few years, others who have been married beyond their golden anniversary, experience a loss that cannot be explained without having been there, yourself. Martha has experienced just such a loss and her love and compassion for those who have also gone through that particular door of life are evident in her ministry.

Martha brings them together for lunch, takes them on shopping and field trips, has encouraging words of devotion, and consistently expresses to them the love of the Heavenly Father through her love for them. If you are widowed and seek companionship with those who "know how you feel" then we encourage you to become a part of this very special ministry. Though they may not know "exactly" how you feel because each of us reacts differently to the same situation, the members of this ministry "know in part" the sadness, the loneliness, the frustrations, and the helplessness that always accompany the passing of a spouse. When you realize that you are not only companions to our fellow man but are truly a "Companion of God, Himself" you realize that you are never alone.

THE LORD *bless* YOU
AND KEEP YOU
THE LORD LET HIS FACE
shine UPON YOU
AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU
THE LORD LOOK
UPON YOU KINDLY
AND GIVE YOU *peace*

NUMBERS 6:24-26

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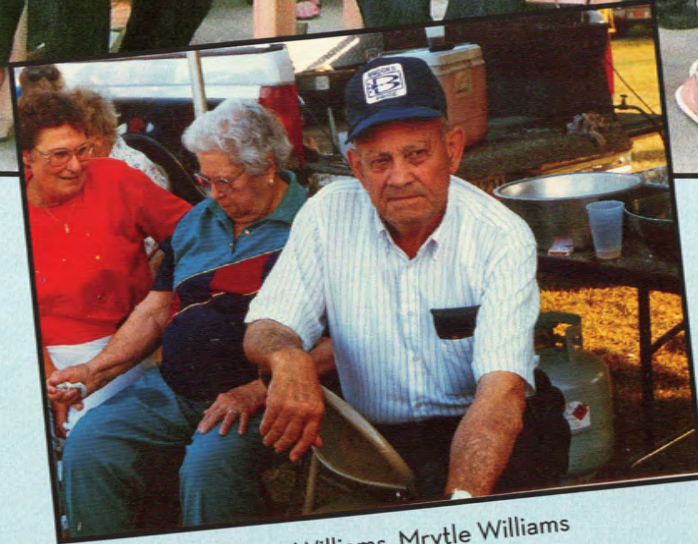


Senior Adult
Sunday School Class
2004

God's Companions
Ministry to the Widows
2008



Keenagers at Ridgecrest, North Carolina 2013



Warren Williams, Myrtle Williams
and Lottie Faye Lanier 1997



Our Keenagers enjoy lunch
and fellowship 1993



Church Deacons and their Wives 2012

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VISITATION MINISTRY

"I was naked and you gave me clothes, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to see me." (Matthew 25:36)

It is almost impossible for the pastor to visit each and every sick, afflicted, hurting, and lonely person. The Visitation Ministry has had a great impact on the areas hospitals, nursing homes, homebound, and even prison populations. Trinity's Visitation ministry was initiated by C. J. Williams and Tommy Boatright. These two were angels of mercy and compassion to so many of Trinity's congregation when they needed a visit the most. The pastor would often go to a hospital to visit a member who was a candidate for surgery only to find that "Mr. C.J." or "Mr. Tommy" was already there. These men were two of the most dedicated and committed to their ministry that any church ever had.

Hospitals, nursing homes, hospice, and homebound people all over the three county area were familiar with C. J. and Tommy. They were given the title of "Pastoral Assistants" so they could come and go to the hospitals with more access. They have visited literally hundreds of patients, prayed with them, encouraged them and kept the pastor informed of the state and condition of the patients.

Many in the nursing homes looked, with great anticipation, the days of visitation, knowing that these two servants of the Lord would show up on their regularly scheduled visitation day.

Several times during the year the Visitation Ministry would do something special for their patients. Christmas was always a time of special ministry. The Visitation Ministry would meet at the Family Life Center and put together gift baskets for those they had visited throughout the year. Then, they would visit each patient, one by one, to present them their basket, have prayer with them and wish them a Merry Christmas. What a great way to tell those who could not get "up and around" that Jesus loves them and that He came to die on the cross to give them eternal life.

It came to pass that both Brother C.J. and Brother Tommy became incapacitated. It grieved them both to have to give up their precious ministry. But in the midst of their disappointment they found another brother who would carry on the ministry with excellence. Brother Grady Aycock has taken up the mantle of the Visitation Ministry and is doing a tremendous work for the church and the Lord. Brother Grady is busy in so many other areas but he has taken upon himself the added ministry of visiting the shut-ins. His spirit is uplifting, his love is genuine, and his enthusiasm is catching. Another ministry of excellence!

FOOD SERVICES MINISTRY

"And they continued stedfastly in the Apostles doctrine and in fellowship, and the breaking of bread, and in prayers..." (Acts 2:42)

Baptists have always been very serious about their food. That's one reason we believe that the early apostles were Baptists, they were continually breaking bread together in the homes.

Seriously speaking, there is a special thing involved when the Lord's people sit together for a meal. Eating together brings people closer to one another. Conversation, laughter, sharing dishes that are cooked with all kinds of ingredients including love...causes people to love one another.

We, at Trinity, believe that is one reason that the meal times were often mentioned in scripture. People who eat with one another, rarely experience conflict with one another.

Through the years, Trinity has had wonderful times eating together. In the first building, located behind the sanctuary, was our first social hall. Our people enjoyed the fellowship of gathering there to eat but soon another social hall was added, much larger to accommodate about 80 people. Every month on Wednesday conference night, the members would bring a covered dish to share with all present. It was sort of like a mini Homecoming meal.

As the church grew, a larger and more sophisticated area for food preparation was needed and the church built the Family Life Center which contains a modern industrial kitchen facility.

Our Food Services Ministry, led by Kim Dick, is one of the best. They are always ready to prepare the best food and to prepare it with excellence. The kitchen is abuzz with activity for Homecoming, Vacation Bible School, Fourth of July, Easter Sunrise breakfast, Keenagers Luncheons, and a myriad of other events throughout the year.

Typically on the second Sunday night of each month, the Church meets in the Family Life Center for a "meal with a theme." Whether it is salads, Italian, Mexican, or ordinary American cuisine, the church family has the best time preparing and sharing a meal with one another.

The Trinity family loves to break bread together!



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Church Deacons 2015

thank you for your love | thank you for your goodness | thank you for your grace | thank you for your kindness | *thank you* | thank you for you



Visitation Ministry 2015



Counseling Ministry 2015



Food Services Ministry 2015



Music Ministries 2015



Senior Adult (Keenagers) Ministry 2015

Thank you for your love | thank you for your goodness | thank you for your grace | thank you for your kindness | *thank you* | thank you for you



Hospitality Ministry 2015



Student Ministries 2015

COUNSELING MINISTRY

"Like apples of gold in settings of silver, is a word spoken in right circumstances. Like an earring of gold and an ornament of fine gold is a wise reprove..." (Proverbs 25: 11-12)

Initially all counseling in Trinity was done by the pastor. Whether corrective counseling, decision counseling, or directive counseling, all devolved upon the Pastor to meet the needs of the congregation. When Trinity began to operate on the Lay Ministry system, counseling was one of the areas that needed to be added. Counselors are trained in presenting the plan of salvation, listening to the desires of the hearts of those who need counseling, and praying with those who desire prayer. Cindy Carter leads the counseling ministry and trains and develops her team to assist those who are seeking to make a spiritual decision whether for salvation, church membership, baptism, or any other area of spiritual concern. All other counseling, especially if it deals with legal matters are handled through the Pastor's office.

RECREATION

"And thou shalt play ball and enjoy it..." Well, that's not in the Bible but Paul did refer to recreation and sports quite a bit. He said things like, "running for the prize" and "receiving a crown" for winning the race.

From picnics on the church grounds to softball in the parks, Trinity has had a competitive spirit. For years the church was represented in the county church softball league but today the main event of church softball is the competition between the adults (the old goats) and the kids (youth). At last count it was even as far as win and loss records were concerned. Steve Waters really revved up his "old goats" for the last meet and put a "shellacking" on the kids. However, it wasn't like that the year before when the kids put one over on the "old goats." Can't wait until next year to see what will take place. I know that both teams will be at their best and through it all there will be lots of fun and fellowship.

In addition to the "annual softball game" the youth are always involved in some kind of recreational activity. Nine squares, volley ball, swimming, skiing, and fishing in the church pond count for some of the recreational events where Youth Pastor, Bob, and his team involve the youth and entire church.

CHURCH DEACONS

"And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon and Parmenas, and Nicolas...whom they set before the apostles and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them..." Thus, the first deacons were chosen to serve the Church.

The office of deacon is an office of servitude where those chosen for this high office are given the responsibility of serving the Lord through serving His church. The deacons of Trinity have been a dedicated and honorable body of church servants who have prayed for, supported, and served with the pastor in their ordained capacity making the office of deacon one of great value at Trinity.

A list of deacons who have served the Church at Trinity includes: Roscoe Roberts (Founding Chairman), C. J. Williams (Chairman), Billy Stephens (Chairman), Gary Kent, James Aldrich, Quinton Anderson, Robert Lightsey, Bill Zetterower (also served as Sunday School Superintendent and Church song leader), Robert Roberson, Harold (Shorty) Smith, Terrence NeSmith, Mike Tootle, Marty Glisson, Matthew Wise, Byron Roberts, Billy Wise, Robb Kicklighter, Danny Rogers, Rodney Powell, David Tootle, Brian Beegle, Ray Robbins, and Winston Whittle.

In 2012, the Church began the rotational system of active/inactive deacons. Today the church operates under that system which allows a deacon to serve for two consecutive years and then assume an inactive status for at least one year before becoming active again.

Deacons at Trinity are often Sunday School teachers, Discipleship Training leaders, Lay Ministry leaders, and they make themselves available to the pastor when he calls on them to visit the sick, cook for special occasions. You'll find them, and their wives, ministering to those who are experiencing grief or some other need in their personal or family lives. They also assist in the administration of the Lord's Supper (Baptist's name for Communion--taking of the bread and unfermented grape juice) representing the broken body and the shed blood of our Lord and Saviour the night he observed Passover, and His last meal, with His disciples before He was arrested and crucified.

God is good.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." (Psalm 119:105) "Thy Word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against Thee." (Psalm 119:11)

Vacation Bible School is a staple among Southern Baptists. Trinity has always had a wonderful and successful Vacation Bible School. From the very beginning of the church, VBS has marked the end of the school year and the beginning of summer. VBS is a mixture of camp, Bible study, mission study and activity, recreation, and worship.

In days past, VBS always opened with the pledge of allegiances to the American flag, the Christian flag, and the Bible. Lynn Brant and Christie McClendon lead off the day with theme songs, usually accompanied by videos and the children's choir members. Then, the children depart to their rooms for a Bible lesson, and other activities that bring to life and light the Word of God and His plan for their lives. VBS at Trinity has been led by some very dedicated and conscientious principals. For many years Mrs. Gail Colson was our school principal. Mrs. Gail would walk the halls, checking the rooms, encouraging the teachers, and counting the children. In those early days there were several years where the attendance of the school exceeded the grand total membership of the church. After Mrs. Gail felt it was time for her to resign, several others took the job as principal. Some of the most colorful and "landscaped" schools were those directed by Tiffany Guerrero. During her tenure as principal, the Family Life Center was turned into a Holy Land Experience. Elaborate costumes, tents, the tabernacle in the wilderness, and all kinds of "Jewish" customs were observed. Kids were taught in the tents of Israel, the outer courts of the Tabernacle, and in the wilderness of the Exodus. The school left the customary classroom and for several years had a truly wonderful experience as if in the land where the Lord, Himself, resided.

Following Mrs. Tiffany's tenure, Mrs. Nancy Eason became the principal. Returning to the traditional classroom, the school has continued to grow and with each year comes a renewed excitement over "just what will take place during this school." Mrs. Nancy always keeps you on edge wondering what will happen next. The kids have walked through the Red Sea, visited the home of Mary, mother of Jesus, she almost got hit in the head with a bowling ball...and in 2014, during VBS, each student (and many adults) got the awesome experience of riding a camel. Even the pastor and Mrs. Nancy climbed "aboard" and took the camel for a stroll. Not a comfortable ride, but certainly one to be remembered.

Whether its riding a camel, studying the Word of God, making crafts, doing a mission project, or swimming in a pool (in the early days the entire school would be invited to swim in Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Marie Waters's swimming pool following VBS). VBS has always been a big hit at Trinity!

MISSIONS

"Go ye, therefore, and make disciples..." (Matthew 28:19)

From the very first year, Trinity has been involved in winning the lost of the entire world. Our mission begins at home, but it stretches across the entire globe. The Lord made it very clear that we are to begin at home (Jerusalem), move out into all our local areas (Judea), go beyond our boundaries (Samria) and into all the world. Trinity has been involved in sending missionaries to over 167 countries through the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention, through giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (International Missions), and through giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (North American Missions). Trinity has also supported individual missionaries to Thailand, China, Africa, Great Britain, Peru, and Mexico. Several mission trips were made into Mexico, just across the border at Laredo, Texas into Nuevo Laredo, in order to do mission work in conjunction with the First Baptist Church of Nuevo Laredo. Church repair and construction, medical aid and assistance, Vacation Bible School, and visitation outreach were a few of the activities that our "missionaries" were engaged in.

One of our most interesting missions to Nuevo Laredo was a medical mission trip organized by Angie Bauman, who was Youth Director at that time. When we arrived at the border, a somewhat tense situation developed. We were pulling a large enclosed trailer behind a fifteen passenger van, the trailer being loaded with medical supplies, including some over-the-counter drugs. As we approached the border guards we noticed that they were stopping and searching many vehicles, emptying them of all their contents.

We felt like we would be in that group of those being searched. The driver asked, "What should we tell them if they ask what we have in the trailer?" I said, "Tell them we have drugs to treat things like lice, stomach ache, and other minor problems and vitamins to give out to the children."

When the border guard came to the window that is exactly what we told him. He asked us to open the trailer, we opened it, he took a quick look inside and waved us on. We did not realize what a miracle it was to be waved on so quickly and easily until we told the pastor of the First Baptist Church what had taken place, and he said that as far as he knows that is the only time something like that has happened. He said that there have been dozens stopped, search, and prohibited from coming in. We praise God for the opportunity to have been able to work with that church and that pastor. That particular week we treated hundreds of men, women, boys and girls and told them about Jesus who not only could heal their bodies but their souls as well.

Later, we received word from someone who had gone through Nuevo Laredo and stopped by the First Baptist Church. They found the church padlocked and closed down because the drug lords and drug activities had taken over the area and it was too dangerous for people to attend church in that area. Hopefully, the church was meeting at another location and still strongly carrying on the work of the Lord.

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MEDIA MINISTRY

"What I tell you in darkness, speak in the light. What you hear in the ear, preach it upon the housetops." (Matthew 10-27)

Interestingly enough, much of our ability to reach the world begins in the upstairs area of the auditorium known as the "Media Control Room". It was most likely in the late 70s when Trinity was given her first sound system. The system consisted of a two-knob control box with two speakers that were attached to the wall with a light switch cord. That was high tech back then.

When the new sanctuary was being planned, the decision was made to install true high tech systems for both sound and light purposes. Trinity acquired one of the best sound systems that was available and with constant training of those who operate the sound boards and other technical devices, Trinity is able to professionally record her services and send them all over the world. Stage lights and cameras were placed in the church (at first roving cameras and later stationary wall units) in strategic points to professionally record the church worship services. Today, the worship services of Trinity are broadcast on local cable television (Channel 2, Northland Cable) and on the Internet at www.nevilstrinity.org, and people all across the globe are able to receive the gospel messages from Trinity Baptist Church in Nevils, Georgia.

"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of the heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." (Revelation 14:6) Perhaps that angel is a satellite broadcasting worship services from Trinity. The Media Ministry is directed by Brian Callahan. Brian does an excellent job of providing technical assistance to make sure the worship service of Trinity is seen, heard, recorded, and broadcast with the finest results possible. Brian's team also includes Seth Brant, Shane Cribbs, Keith Crowley, Dean Williams, Joseph Eason and others who are professional and, indeed, the very best at what they do.

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TO BE THE HOLY PEOPLE HE LOVES,
YOU MUST CLOTHE YOURSELVES
WITH TENDERHEARTED *mercy,*
kindness, HUMILITY,
GENTLENESS, AND *patience.*

COLOSSIANS 3:12

MEN'S MINISTRY

"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister." (Hebrews 6:10)

The Men's Ministry is dedicated to the development of Christian values, principles, and attitudes in the men of the church and providing an opportunity for men to have fellowship with one another and provide the church and community with services for special needs.

Led by Matt Wright, the men are often busy cleaning up debris in the yards of those who cannot do it for themselves, building a ramp for a disabled individual, working at the church, or visiting Woodstock Baptist Church where they receive instruction on Christian Manhood!

One of their favorite things to do is to meet every Easter morning and cook a full breakfast for the entire church. The men will meet at 3:30 a.m. and begin cooking a meal consisting of sausage, grits, bacon, ham, biscuits, toast, fruit, coffee, juice, and all the fixings for 200-300 people who attend the Easter Sunrise Service.

BUSINESS OFFICE

"Let all things be done decently and orderly." (1 Corinthians 14:40)

In reviewing the old minutes of the Church business meetings, it is interesting to note that EVERYTHING that was purchased had to be brought before the Church at conference, discussed, considered, described, and nearly beaten to death before the church approved the purchase. At one conference, a request for a map assembly of the Holy Land was requested. "After much discussion the request was denied and put off until a later date." This writer remembers that very conference and indeed is extremely thankful that such proceedings no longer take place. The old minutes are loaded with discussion about purchasing cleaning material, bricks, building supplies, curtains...well, you get the idea. Praise the Lord for a business office and administrator.

A very small congregation may be able to operate in the manner described above, but as a church grows in number and need, a good business office is indispensable. Trinity has always been very careful and transparent when it comes to finances, and Joseph Eason has been the business administrator of Trinity since 1999. It is a difficult task to know and implement IRS rules and regulations (and often church regulations are the most difficult to understand and interpret) and make an accounting for all the gifts, tithes, and offerings, but the Office of Finance, consisting of Joseph, Regina Miles, and Marie Waters has made it not only a responsibility but a ministry to make certain everything is done "decently and in order."

Ushers & Greeters in the Lobby



The Media Ministry 2015



Ushers Always Greeting with a Smile



Security Team 2015

Thank you for your love | thank you for your goodness | thank you for your grace | thank you for your kindness | *thank you* | thank you for your mercy
ALWAYS TRUSTS, ALWAYS HOPES, ALWAYS PERSEVERES. // FOR WITH GOD NOTHING SHALL BE IMPOSSIBLE. // FEAR



Church Ushers 2015

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CHURCH OFFICE STAFF

"Thy rod and staff, they comfort me..." (Psalm 23) This has absolutely nothing to do with the church staff but I thought I would just put it in here because I could!

Actually, a great church staff is a wonderful comfort, support, and blessing to a pastor. Throughout the years, Trinity has had a great church staff. The church staff is made up of both voluntary and hired personnel. The staff includes the offices of church clerk, secretarial, treasurer, pastoral, and other official personnel.

Our Secretarial Staff: Trinity hired her first secretary/receptionist in 1987. Mrs. Linda Joyner was the secretary/receptionist for several years. Mrs. Linda did an excellent job of taking care of the front desk, welcoming visitors, keeping records, and writing letters. She always greeted with a smile and made everyone who came through the doors feel at ease and at home in Trinity's office area. Following Linda, Mrs. Nita Boatright became the secretary at Trinity. Mrs. Nita also became the first financial secretary. Mrs. Nita was always a pleasure to work with; she was kind, cordial, and very efficient, keeping records safe, secure, and in order.

Today, the Secretarial Staff at Trinity is a bit more complex. Three ladies assume the duties of secretary in some form or fashion. Mrs. Nancy Kent (who is Minister of Music) does secretarial work that relates to letter writing. Nancy Eason is the main secretary/receptionist who greets our visitors with a warm smile and welcome, and also keeps the pastor's calendar schedule. Regina Miles is our Financial and Records Manager. Regina operates the Financial and Records Office with great responsibility and professionalism and is one of the most competent and dedicated individuals whose work ethics are far beyond ordinary and whose ability to do a great job is much more than adequate. She is always pleasant, cooperative, diligent, and knowledgeable.

Our Church Clerk: The office of the church Clerk is a very important office. The job of the clerk is to keep the records of the church proceedings during church business meetings (conference). Adequate records are necessary in order to trace the events that make up the history of the church. Without adequate records many of the basic and important decisions made by the Church in conference would be forgotten. The work of the clerk is the main source of information for this small book of history. Solly Trapnell was the first clerk of Trinity and remained clerk until his departure in 1987. His tenure was followed by Ellen Whittle, who was the church clerk until her departure in 2015. Today, Faye Glisson is the Church Clerk. Faye is a dedicated Christian lady who knows record-keeping and does an excellent job of keeping the important record of the proceedings of Trinity's business meetings.

Our Church Treasurer: For many years, almost from the beginning, Marie Waters has been the Treasurer of Trinity. Marie oversees the Office of Finance and is responsible for all of the church's financial and banking needs. Her service to the church is invaluable. Because of her ability and dedication to her job, the church finances are unquestionable and clearly reported. Marie also inherited the job of preparing the Lord's supper for Trinity, from her mother, Mrs. Cora Roberts. She learned from the best!

Sunday School Secretary: We would not have a complete listing of secretaries without mentioning Mrs. Lillian Graddick. Mrs. Lillian has kept Sunday School secretarial records for years. Never missing a Sunday, Mrs. Lillian makes certain that everyone is counted and the Sunday School records are neat, well-kept and accurate.

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY

"I commend to you our sister Phebe, who is a minister in the church at Cenchrea." (Romans 16:1)

The Women's Ministry typically meets once a month for a time of fellowship and inspiration. Led by Sandra Stall and Kim Dick, the Women's Ministry is involved in local, state, North American, and International missions through the Ogeechee River Baptist Association, Georgia Baptist Convention, and Southern Baptist Convention. Sandra has special speakers come in from time to time and videos to inspire and inform the women of the church on the needs of the community and beyond.

They give to missions, they help support adopted missionaries, they have visited prisons, given to women's shelters, and have had some very interesting circumstances develop from time to time.

On one trip to a Women's Prison in West Virginia, the church bus experienced a flat tire. Who would stop to help them change it...but...Kyle Petty! Yes, the real Kyle Petty. And then, he jumped in his car and sped away!

One of the events that has really grown which is sponsored by the Women's Ministry is the Mother-Daughter Tea that is held annually. Begun in 2013, the tea had an attendance of 15 that first year. Not bad for a start but for the last two years there has been phenomenal growth. The second year, there were 40 mothers and daughters attending the event, and for 2015 there was a total of 82.

The Women's ministry also provides a special meal once a week for Trinity's shut-ins. Bonnie Williams, Lydia Daniel, and Jeanette Johnson provide the workforce behind the preparation and distribution of the meals. The meal and the visit is a very special way that the ladies of the Women's ministry tell those who aren't able to attend church or other events that the church has not forgotten them and they are loved by our Saviour and His church.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needs not be ashamed." (2 Timothy 2:15)

Sunday School is a vital part of any Baptist Church. Whether you refer to it as Sunday School, Bible Study, Small Group, or some other name, the makeup of a Sunday School class is where the warm, intimate relationships are developed and care for the members is provided. Sunday School has always played a large part in the growth, development, and ministry of Trinity. In fact, Trinity was a Sunday School (originally the Denmark Sunday School) before it became a church.

The leaders of the original Sunday School at Trinity included: Bill Zetterower-Superintendent; Nursery- Yvonne Williams, Assistant- Lois Barnard; Beginners- Libby Lightsey, Assistant- Dot Zetterower, Primary- Juanita Aldrich, Assistant- Martha Trapnell; Junior and Intermediate combination- Harold Smith, Assistant- Jan Haygood; Young Adult- Quinton Anderson, Assistant- Derita Anderson; Adult- C. J. Williams, Assistant- James Aldrich; Sunday School Secretary- Robert Holland. Each class was to choose its own officers. When the church first organized, the Sunday School would often have as large attendance as the morning worship. Fifty in Sunday school, and fifty-five in morning worship was not unusual. The Sunday school, in those early days, would have a general meeting in the sanctuary with a hymn opening up the meeting followed by announcements and the superintendent giving a devotion. Then the people would scatter to their various classes for Bible study. This was in keeping with the way Baptists had conducted Sunday school for decades. Today, Sunday School classes meet one by one, usually have a time of fellowship, a light breakfast, and then prayer and Bible study.

Sunday School is important for many reasons. It is in Sunday School where the Bible is taught in more detail; Sunday School offers an opportunity for people to get to know each other in a more intimate setting than in full church; Sunday School gives more opportunity to deal with problems on a more personal basis; Sunday School is where an individual can meet and make friends with fellow church-goers; and Sunday School is the best means of doing ministry. Since there are much fewer people to know and to minister to through a Sunday School class, when problems, troubles, and situations arise where help and ministry is needed, it is more likely that one's Sunday School will be more familiar with the needs of a member than would the entire church. And, to top it all, it is in Sunday School where many children are presented the plan of salvation by a faithful and loving teacher and thereby come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

The main responsibility of the Sunday school superintendent today is to make certain that classes have teachers and that the teachers are present in their classes. Clisby Fordham is Trinity's present Sunday School Superintendent, and Clisby does a great job of making certain that each Sunday School class is taken care of by qualified leaders.

Sunday School





USHERS AND GREETERS

"Greet one another in holiness..." (Romans 16:16)

Trinity has always been a friendly lot of people. We enjoy visitors and guests, and we want them to feel at home when they come into our church building. To make certain no one goes away without having been properly greeted, we have ushers and greeters stationed at every door to welcome and assist every guest. Our ushers and greeters are genuine in their feelings and are always looking to make the guest comfortable.

Danny Carver, who leads our Ushers and Greeters Ministry, calls his team together at least once a year for training and development. The mission is to let no one get by without a word of welcome and to let each guest know that they are appreciated. The only thing we like better than visitors at Trinity is for the visitor to determine that Trinity would make a good church home for him/her and the family. We encourage our visitors to schedule a visit with a church staff member to find out more information about the church, especially if they are seeking a church home, and ask any questions that might come to mind concerning Trinity. Our doors are always open to those who need a church home, and we sincerely desire that all who walk through the doors of Trinity feel welcome and wanted. Jimmie Lou Cook is the keeper of the book of visitors, and we encourage every visitor to either sign the book (located in the visitor's center in the main foyer) or sign the card attached to the bulletin to give us information whereby we are able to contact each visitor and let them know how much we appreciate them.



SECURITY MINISTRY

"I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked." (Psalm 84:10)

One of the unique ministries of Trinity is that of Security. We believe our people should be safe and secure and we have a trained security team to help take care of that particular aspect of our need.

While we should never need security, we know that in a world that is insecure because of sinfulness and lawlessness, we are given, not only the right, but the responsibility to make, as safe as possible, those who enter the doors of the congregation.

Our Security Ministry is made up of those who are trained and equipped to provide safety and help to any that might experience some kind of problem while attending church at Trinity. Trained medical, safety, and first responders are available to assist in any situation that might arise. Our Security team is trained in first aid, CPR, and protective response and are stationed at various places throughout the campus. Matt Wright and Bryant Watson lead our Security Ministry and have developed a team which more than answers the need of the congregation. These two men, like all our Security, are diligent in their preparation and execution of the ministry in which they are called to serve.



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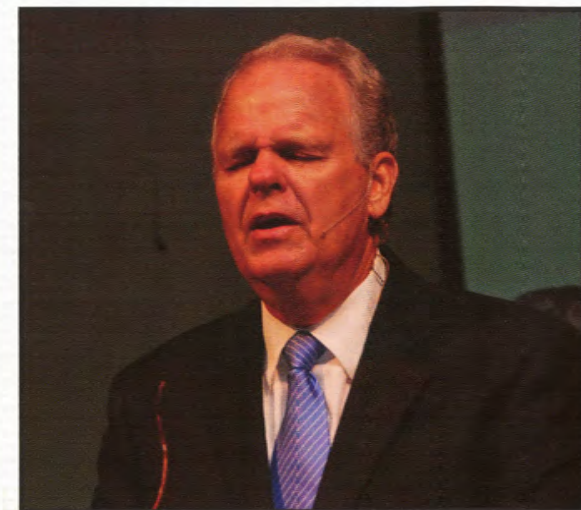
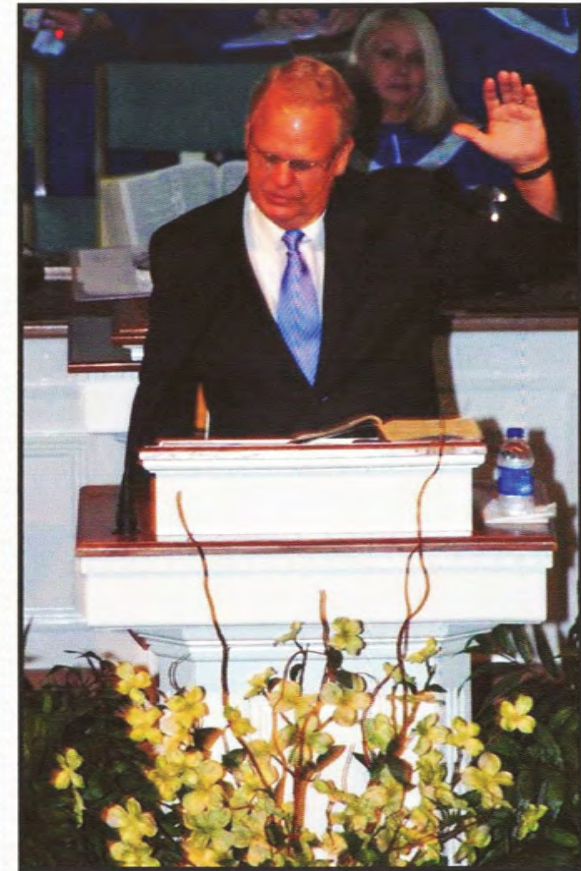
Like all organizations that are staffed and operated by humans, Trinity has had its share of "ups" and "downs". But her share of "ups" have always outnumbered her share of "downs" and God has blessed His church at Trinity with tremendous spiritual progress and prosperity.

The dedication and commitment of her congregants along with the Holy Spirit's leadership and guidance have made the first forty years a foundational time period which promises that the Church at Trinity will impact the community, and indeed the world, with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the opportunity to serve our Lord and Saviour until He returns for His church.

With grateful hearts we turn our attention away from the past and eagerly look forward to an even greater future of Service to our Lord.

Thanks for the memories, the work, the sacrifice, the times of healing, the days of laughter, tears, fears, and the overcoming spirit of those who serve the Living God of Glory!

A VOICE FOR GOD...A HEART FOR PEOPLE must always be the driving force of WHY we do WHAT we do at TRINITY!



"One Voice" Appearing at Fall Festival



All Dressed Up: Fall Festival 2014



"One Voice" portraying the Andrew Sisters
Heather Mims, Christie McLendon, Amanda Kicklighter



Loading up the Banana Boat: Fall Festival 2011



Dressed up for the Occasion at the Annual Fall Festival Costume Contest

So much fun making memories along the way...

Sonny and Cher
AKA Larry and Martha Lane



Minnie Pearl and Rod Brasfield
Or is it Mollye Pearl and Robb Brasfield? Fall Festival 2006



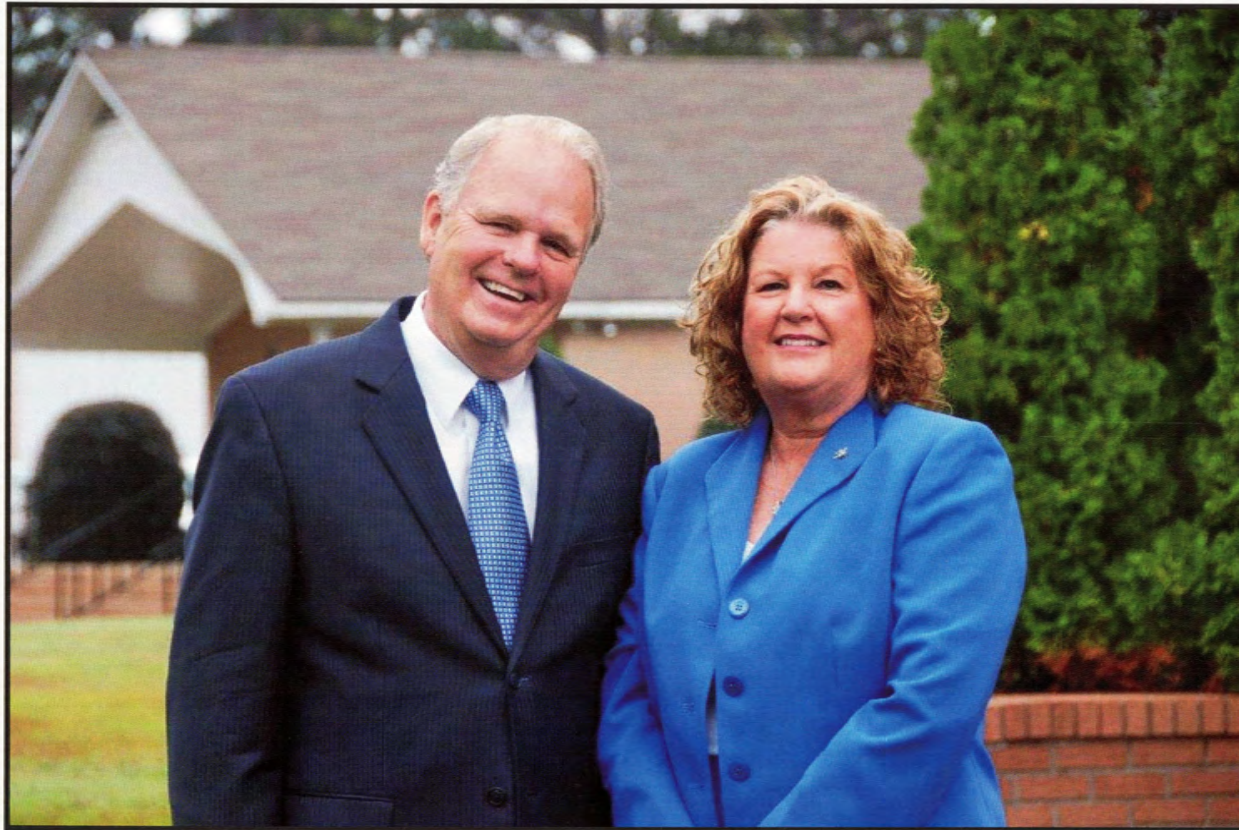
The Night the Addams Family Came to Trinity
Fall Festival 2011



Clisby Fordham and the "MacGuire Sisters"
featuring Linda Fordham, Patricia Rushing and Lynn Brant



Pastor Joe with "Four Lovelies" at the Fall Festival Costume Contest



Joe & Nancy Eason

About Our Pastor

Dwain A. (Joe) Eason is the founding pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, and he has continuously served in that capacity since 1975.

Brother Eason was born in Jesup, Georgia to Homer and Mary (Todd) Eason. He grew up in Liberty County (Hinesville), Georgia with six brothers and a sister. He attended Gum Branch Baptist Church and preached his first sermon there when he was fourteen years of age.

Throughout high school, he sang in a southern gospel quartet along with Gil Long, Wyman Wells, Roy Bobo, Tommy Downs, and James Purcell. The quartet would often sing and Brother Eason would preach in regular church services, church-wide revivals, and youth revivals. His boyhood pastors, L. A. Savage and Thomas Barnard had a great impact on his preaching career, as did his father, who was a licensed lay speaker.

Joe Eason was educated at Bradwell Institute (High School), Brewton Parker Junior College (A.A.), Georgia Southern University (BSed), Georgia Southern Graduate School, and Luther Rice Seminary. His preaching and pastoral ministry includes Youth Pastor of Hinesville First Baptist (Hinesville, Georgia), Northside Baptist Church (Glennville, Georgia), Mendes Baptist Church (Mendes, Georgia), Register Baptist Church (Register, Georgia), and his long-time pastoral position at Trinity Baptist Church (Nevils, Georgia).

Brother Joe met the love of his life, Nancy Ann Jones, while conducting a revival service at Register Baptist Church. He married Nancy, the daughter of Lavon and Evelyn Jones, and they have three children: Elizabeth Ann Bauman (married to Barry), Mollye Nancy (1977-2009), and Joseph; and four grandchildren: Emily, Brett, Benji, and Ellie Bauman.

Mr. Eason was an original high school faculty member of Pinewood Christian Academy in Bellville, Georgia where he taught History, Bible, English, and other subjects from 1971 until 1995. While at Pinewood, he served as the Academy's chaplain and conducted weekly chapel services for the lower and upper schools. He developed Pinewood's high school chorus and led several soloists, trios, and quartets to region and state literary competitions in the Georgia Independent School Association. Awarded Teacher of the Year in 1987, he instilled Christian values to hundreds during his tenure at Pinewood. Mr. Eason also taught college courses at Brewton-Parker College for several years. He was named Ministerial Alumnus of the Year at Brewton-Parker in 2007 (Class of 1968).

Over the years, Brother Joe has delivered inspirational messages to audiences at a number of revivals, graduation ceremonies, and important community events. He has served as a Guest Chaplain to the Georgia State Senate, preached a revival in Italy, represented Trinity Baptist Church at several Southern Baptist Convention annual meetings, and served on the Nominating Committee at the Georgia Baptist Convention.

Most importantly, Pastor Eason loves God and His Church. Brother Joe provides comforting words and wisdom during the most difficult times of this life, and he celebrates with the Church whether it's on the occasion of performing a baptism or conducting a wedding. His effective leadership has provided Trinity Baptist Church with a rich heritage and an exciting roadmap for its future.

