



December

Bob Haynie	12/15	Josh Boswell	12/24
Justin Hall	12/15	Frank Stanley	12/24
Eddie Robbins	12/17	Mandy Polatty	12/25
Bob Boswell	12/17	Malissa Gary	12/26
Candy Berry	12/17	Ronnie Hensley	12/26
Lois Sharpe	12/17	Dustin Gault	12/26
Cindy Peterson	12/17	Lisa Akin	12/26
Shoba Samson	12/17	Logan Trexler	12/26
Debbie Henderson	12/18	Leo Beale	12/27
Rose McCurdy	12/18	Jacob Williams	12/27
Carmen Keathley	12/18	Brittany Nicole Abraham	12/27
Hillman McAllister	12/18	Lane Andre	12/27
Connor Walsh	12/18	Diane Hopkins	12/27
Gwendolyn Fink	12/19	Austin Reed	12/28
Charlene Allen	12/19	Alison Ortega	12/29
Gerald Cockrell	12/20	Tadarrio Johnson	12/29
Frank Davison	12/20	Angela Ellis	12/29
Jason McCown	12/20	Brock Nichols	12/29
Morgan Bates-Singleton	12/20	Lauren Horton	12/30
Carson Simons	12/21	Courtney Marsh	12/30
Donald Morton	12/21	Clint Buchanan	12/31
Maria Springhart	12/21	Ernie Vann	12/31
Rene Robinson	12/21	Billie Burnett	12/31
John Langford	12/22	David Wood	12/31
Bill Arnold	12/23	Sam Dawson	12/31
Charles Henry	12/23	Terri Hyatt	12/31

MEETINGS AND OPPORTUNITIES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15
 Tai Chi, 11:30 am
 Finance Cmt. Mtg., 6:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16
 Fellowship Dinner, 5:15 pm
 Prayer Time, 6:15 pm
 MDO Christmas Musical, 6:30 pm
 Adult Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 pm

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17
 Tai Chi, 11:30 am

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20
 Morning Worship Service, 8:30 & 11:00 am
 Sunday School, 9:45 am
 Fingers of God Puppet Practice, 1:30 pm

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22
 Tai Chi, 11:30 am

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24
 Church Office Closed
 Christmas Eve Service, 5:00 pm

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25
 Church Office Closed
 Merry Christmas!

Dr. Richard Hipps	Pastor	Mr. Bob Boswell	Facility Manager
Rev. Tommy Simons	Assoc. Pastor, Min. of Education	Ms. Carol Jones	Communications Ministry Assistant
Trinity Baptist Church Staff	Rev. Jamie Moore	Mrs. Cori McClain	Pastor's Ministry Assistant
	Minister of Music/Worship	Mrs. Laurie Dillard	Financial Manager
	Mr. Zack Butterfield	Mrs. Rhonda Putt	Part-Time Ministry Assistant
	Dir. of Youth & Recreation	Mrs. Diane Ellis	Director of Food Service
	Mrs. Lisa Buckner	Mrs. Courtney Harville	Building Associate
	Mothers' Day Out Director/ Director of Childhood Education	Mr. Matt Harville	Building Associate
	Mrs. Missy Hansen		
	Director of Preschool Ministries		
	Mr. Andrew Drannon		
	Organist		
	Ms. Karen Farley		
	Pianist		

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Dr. Richard S. Hipps, Pastor



From the Pastor's Pen

The greatest message of Christians is that God came to save us from our sin. Paul Richardson, in describing a contorted Christmas tree, writes:

There it stood - the best tree in the lot. It was the second Christmas of our married life, and with newlywed-like impulse, we decided to forego the two-foot high plastic tree that graced our coffee table the year before. We had found the perfect tree instead. It was wide at the base and came to a perfect point on top. With blissful Christmas cheer we paid the \$25.00, maneuvered it into our '77 Chevy Citation, and drove to our apartment.

I cleared a spot next to the couch and set it up in the corner. At least I tried to set it up in the corner. Our perfect tree immediately fell, turning our tree stand into green and red scrap metal. Another tree stand and multiple attempts only brought about the same problem: the tree wouldn't stand.

When I probed into the forest of green needles, I discovered our perfect tree had a huge flaw. The base of the tree began straight and centered, but the middle of the trunk contorted in pretzel-like twists, bending this way and that, but coming out straight at the top.

It was perfect on the outside but hopelessly flawed within. It could never stand on its own.

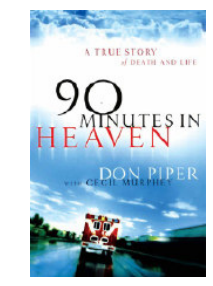
In our not-so-perfect Christmas tree I saw the story of Christmas. On the outside we like to show that we have it all together: "Tis the season to be jolly!" But inside we know differently: hurts, pains, disappointments, anger, and bitterness. Worse yet, there is that contortion of our souls the Bible calls sin.

No matter how many ornaments Lisa and I hung on our tree, we knew it could never stand on its own. And no matter how many ornaments we attach to our lives, we can never be right with God on our own.

The Christmas story is not about God seeing how nice we were and coming down to spend time with sweet people. It is the story of God seeing twisted, hurting, sinful people, and coming down to die for us. It is a story about love. God came to save us from sin. While it entailed the joy of a new baby being born, it also ended up with Jesus taking our sins upon himself and dying as our substitute.

"It is a story about love," Paul Richardson writes. May we all reflect that love during this very special season.

Merry Christmas,
Pastor Richard



Don Piper
To Speak
at Trinity

Don Piper, author of the multi-million selling **90 minutes in Heaven**, will speak at Trinity on Monday evening, January 11, at 7:00 pm (Nursery will be provided.) Be sure to invite family and friends to hear this man's amazing story.

DISCIPLESHIP/EDUCATION/OUTREACH
 Rev. Tommy Simons
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PRESCHOOL NEWS
 Mrs. Missy Hansen
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FINANCIAL REPORT

Thanks and Appreciation-

- Pam Perry and Barbara Ward for co-directing Alpine Village
- Hundreds of volunteers who participated in our gift to the community

Marriage Fellowship and Seminar

When: Friday, February 25, 7:30 pm
Speaker: Rev. Gary Long, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Gaithersburg, Maryland
Where: Trinity Baptist Church, Rooms 128-130
 Free childcare is available at the church

Trinity's Web Site

Please check out our reformatted website at www.trinitybaptistchurch.org
 If you have any questions, comments for improvement, feel free to contact: tsimons@trinitybaptistchurch.org
 *Adult, Youth, Children and Preschool Ministries, please bookmark. Updates on events, connections and ministries are updated on our website. Scroll down to Ministries on our Home Page and you'll be directed to your age group.

Church Council and Town Hall Mtg. Information

- Church Council - Sunday, January 10 - Notice change of time. Following 11:00 am service - Room 130
- Town Hall Mtg. - Sunday, January 24, following 11:00 am service

Deacon Training

Saturday, February 27 at 10:30 am
 Conference Room with Rev. Gary Long
 Topic: Deacons and Mentoring

Internal Signage and Welcome Desk

- * Internal Signage has been installed throughout our campus to assist with Guests
- * Thank you to our Trinity Deacons for assisting with welcoming our guests in the gym foyer
- * During our services, we are asking guests to fill out a welcome card located in the pew racks.
- * If you come in contact with guests, and you need assistance in guiding them to a class...please take guests to the Welcome Desk in the church foyer

Finance Committee

December 15, 6:30 pm

Administrative and Education Support Team

Wednesday, January 13, 5:30 pm - Tommy's office



NIGHT FLIGHT
 No night FLIGHT in December

Wed. NIGHT- Turbo Charged - 6:30 pm
 No Turbo Charged in December.
 We will resume January 6

Youth Choir
 No Youth Choir in December

A Special Thanks!

A special thanks goes out to all the youth Sunday School teachers, committee members, and adult volunteers that helped make 2010 a wonderful year for FLIGHT! I deeply love and appreciate each of you. Youth ministry cannot happen without you and all of the hours and hard work you donate to the building of God's Kingdom. From the bottom of my heart, thank you! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Kroger Gift Card Fundraiser

Kroger Card Fundraiser- Attention Trinity Members! Do you shop at Kroger? If so, you can raise money for your student's trips and shop for groceries at the same time! All you have to do is buy a \$5.00 Kroger gift card from David or Tammy Wood and then put your grocery (or Kroger Gas) money on that card. You can repeat this process as much as you want. 5% of what you load onto the card will go into your student's account. For example if you load \$100.00 onto it in December, \$5.00 will go to your student. You can buy one for yourself and your friends and they can earn money for your student as well! If you do not have a child in youth but would like to help, you can request a "general fund" card. The money you raise on that card will be put in an account that will be spread evenly to help the whole program. THIS MAKES A GOOD CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR YOUR FRIENDS.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES
 Mrs. Lisa Buckner
 Mothers' Day Out Director, Dir. of Childhood Education
 Contact: lbuckner@trinitybaptistchurch.org

Parent/Child Forum
Sunday, January 10 at 5:00 pm, in the Gym
(Pizza Dinner will be provided)

We will discuss Children's spring/summer programs and Journey Camp for completed 3rd-6th graders.

Trinity Round Up
"Children's Lock-In"
Friday, January 15, 7:00 pm thru
Saturday, January 16, 8:00 am

This will be a western theme lock-in with a costume contest. See children's bulletin board in back hallway for sign-ups. (\$10.00 Fee per child to cover mission project.)



SAVE THE DATE!
Prince and Princess Party
Friday, January 22, 2010, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

We are all Princes and Princesses in God's Kingdom! We will have a fun time of dress up, food, crafts and games. Boys may dress as knights or princes (no swords please) and girls may dress as a princess. Please don't go buy a costume if you don't have one! Just dress your child with things you have around the house. It should be a great event and parents are welcome to dress up, too!

MUSIC & WORSHIP
 Rev. Jamie Moore
 Minister of Music/Worship
 Contact: jmoore@trinitybaptistchurch.org

Make My Life a Bethlehem Advent 2009 Theme

- December 20 – Fourth Sunday of Advent
- December 24 – Family Christmas Eve/Lord's Supper Service
- December 27 – First Sunday after Christmas (10:00 am service only)

WORLD MISSIONS OFFERING



Sunday, December 13
Goal: \$60,000

Our World Missions Offering is collected every December and is used to support Foreign Missions, that is, Missions that are done outside the United States. Our World Missions Offering is divided between the Southern Baptist Convention (Lottie Moon Offering), the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (Global Missions) and Trinity Foreign Missions. You can specify any of these or your offering can be divided between them. **Our goal this year is once again \$60,000.00.** The World Missions Offering ingathering will be Sunday, December 13. Please begin to pray and consider what the Lord would have you give.

NO FELLOWSHIP DINNER

There will be No Fellowship Dinner on December 23, or 30 due to Holiday Activities. Dinner will resume on Wednesday, January 6.

Supporting Ministry Thru Giving November 2009

	November Actual	YTD Actual
Total Budget Receipts	\$168,218	\$1,454,583
*Total Expenses	\$133,471	\$1,445,056
Revenue Excess (Deficit)	\$34,747	\$9,527

*Expenses include payments into the Future Building Fund.

Our year to date receipts fell short of budgeted receipts coming in at 96.1% of budget. Expenses are still being held at less than budget, with year to date expenses at 90.7% of budget. Thanks for your financial support!
 Your Finance Committee

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Christmas Poinsettias are on sale for \$10.00. If you wish to purchase a poinsettia in honor/memory of someone, please fill out an envelope (located in both foyers) and put it in the offering plate or church office mailbox. **Deadline is December 20.**

FROM THE CHURCH MAILBOX

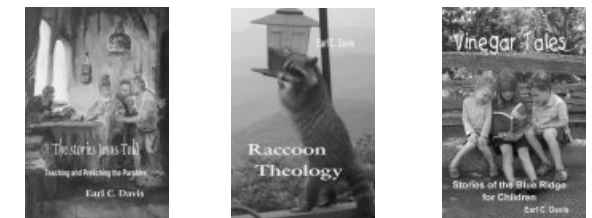
Dear Church Family,

This is to let you know how grateful I am for your many prayers, cards, calls, and visits during my recent hospital "visit." I know for sure that prayers are HUGE and yours apparently were right in step with God's planning.

I am thanking the Lord for my church family.

Helen Reynolds

Book Signing with Dr. Earl Davis



Mark your calendars! Our founding pastor, Dr. Earl Davis, will be here signing three of his new books on **Wednesday evening, December 16, from 5:00-6:30 pm.**