



January

Jenny Ortega	1/2	Elsie Landry	1/9
Tracy Mahoney	1/2	Hadley Cavender	1/9
Chris Walker	1/3	Ryan Smith	1/9
Richard Rogers	1/3	Maizelle Brown	1/9
Rick Hopkins	1/3	Linda Jennings	1/10
Willis Rudolph	1/3	Terry Stage	1/10
Chris Dodd	1/4	Gene Scobey	1/10
Jean Simmons	1/4	Ian Romines	1/10
Cecelia Raycher	1/5	Margaret Blumer	1/11
Jane Jewel	1/5	Houston Crabtree	1/12
Al Weir	1/5	Brandon Crouch	1/12
Matthew DeZemplen	1/5	Pinky Dike	1/12
Lynn Dickinson	1/5	Megan Caswell	1/12
Joey Moran	1/6	Tim Adney	1/13
Elizabeth Wisdom	1/7	Joyce Lipford	1/13
Jennifer Copeland	1/7	Melissa Sullivan	1/14
Travis Lunceford	1/8	Karen Hudson	1/14
		Leonard McCullough	1/14

MEETINGS AND OPPORTUNITIES

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1
 Happy New Year!
 Church Office Closed

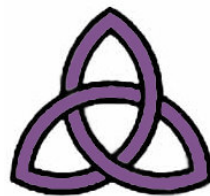
SUNDAY, JANUARY 3
 Morning Worship Service, 8:30 & 11:00 am
 Sunday School, 9:45 am
 Fingers of God Puppet Practice, 1:30 pm

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5
 Women On Mission Prayer Group, 10:00 am
 Personnel Cmt. Mtg., 6:30 pm
 Youth Cmt. Mtg., 6:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6
 Fellowship Dinner, 5:15 pm
 Children's Choirs, 6:00 pm
 Prayer Time & Bible Study, 6:15 pm
 FLIGHT Turbo Charged (Youth), 6:15 pm
 Adult Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 pm
 RA's, GA's & Mission Friends, 6:45 pm

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Dr. Richard S. Hipps, Pastor



From the Pastor's Pen

In an article called, "When I Was Killed," Michael W. Michelsen, Jr. writes:

On January 18, 1989, Don Piper was returning home from a conference in Galveston, Texas,

when his car was struck head-on by a tractor-trailer, killing him instantly.

Ninety minutes after the accident, Dick Onerecker, a pastor who happened upon the scene, felt led by God to pray for the dead man. He did so, and Piper immediately returned to life. But for 90 minutes, as his lifeless body lay inside his car, Piper claims to have been in heaven.

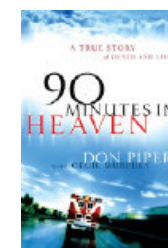
Piper's recollections of heavenly glory have since been chronicled in "90 Minutes in Heaven," a book which has sold nearly 2 million copies and become a long-time fixture on the New York Times best seller list...

"It was like nothing I could have ever imagined," Piper recalls. "When I was killed, I was immediately transported to heaven's gate. It was an instantaneous thing."

Piper refers to his heavenly detour as a "smorgasbord for the senses," being embraced and welcomed by friends he had known throughout his life, angelic choirs, and even a "pearly" gate-sort of.

"Although I didn't have a body as we normally think of one, I didn't see a single person who I didn't know," he explains. "There were relatives, there were friends who had died in high school, there were some of my teachers-there were people I had known all my life who had gone to glory. They were smiling, embracing me, and welcoming me.

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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.

Upcoming Sermons

January 3 - "Resolution or Retreat: The Spirit of Adventure" (Tommy Simons preaching)

January 10 - "Do You Really Believe in Heaven?"

January 17 - STATE OF THE CHURCH ADDRESS
"Deciding to Win in 2010"

January 24 - "Living the Focused Life"

January 31 - "Accepting Acceptance"

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Check out our re-designed web site at
www.trinitybaptistchurch.org.



*Our new site is a work in progress. Thanks to Cris Williams for giving birth to Trinity's web several years ago. If you have any comments or suggestions, please drop a note, tsimons@trinitybaptistchurch.org.

Our goals for the site:

1. Enhance our communication with church family and community
2. Important source of information/communication from our age graded ministries- adults to preschool
3. Outreach tool- from description of sermons to our various outreach and mission teams
4. Clarify and communicate entry points of ministry to our church and community
5. Creation of staff blog to enhance dialogue, communication with staff, for church and community

Marriage Fellowship and Seminar



When: Friday, February 26, 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

Wednesday Nights in January

Bible Study with Dr. Richard Higgs- Chapel

10 Best Ways to Ruin Your Teenager- Tommy Simons

10 Best Ways to Ruin Your Child- Missy Hansen

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

Alpine Village Thank you...

To Barbara Ward and Pam Perry for an exceptional job co-directing this outreach to our Mid-South community.



Please bookmark www.thealpinevillage.org for updates throughout the year.

FYI

The church office will close at Noon on Thursday, December 31. Also, the church office will be closed on Friday, January 1 in observance of the New Year.



Wed. NIGHT Turbo Charged-6:30 pm

January 6- Game Night

January 13- Downstairs

January 20- Downstairs

January 27-Small Groups

Youth Choir-5:00 pm

January 17-Choir Party!

January 24

January 31-Performance at Church Without Doors

New Website

Trinity has a new updated website. Go to our normal page name www.trinitybaptistchurch.org and take a look around. The youth page has a helpful new look with updated information for parents and youth. Bookmark the page or add it to your favorites to be a frequent visitor.

Parent Summer Informational Meeting

We will have a parent informational meeting in the youth Café January 31 at 4:00 pm in the café. All parents of youth are invited and are encouraged to attend as we go over upcoming events for the spring, give some details for our summer trips and offer opportunities for you to be involved. Mark your calendars and we'll see you there!

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 January, \$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.

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.)

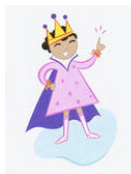


PRESCHOOL NEWS

Mrs. Missy Hansen

Director of Preschool Ministries

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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

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Advent 2009 – Many Thanks

This year's Advent season was a beautiful time of worship and reflection on the Christ Child. I want to thank everyone who participated in making this such a special time of worship and celebration. A BIG thanks goes to Kevin Tesreau, Carole Eady, and our entire maintenance staff for preparing our chapel and the rest of the church for our worship services! Thanks to Carol Jones for creating the Advent Booklet. Also thanks to the administrative staff for keeping the weekly activities running smoothly during a stressful holiday season!

Upcoming Music Ministry Dates

- January 6 (Wednesday) – Children's Choirs and Sanctuary Choir resume rehearsals
- January 17 (Sunday) – Lord's Supper in both Morning Services;
- January 17 (Sunday) – NewSong Mission Tour "Reveal" Party at 5:00 pm. Come join us for a New Year party and find out where we are touring this Summer!

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"Then, as I looked over their heads, I could see the looming gate. To say it was beautiful would be a serious understatement. It wasn't 'pearly' as people say, it was more like it had been sculpted from mother-of-pearl. Then there was the light, a light I couldn't fathom as a human being, and there was an angelic choir that seemed to be singing every praise song conceivable all at once."

But almost as soon as Piper's heavenly excursion began, it ended, thanks to the power of answered prayer.

"My first conscious memory was 'What a Friend We Have in Jesus.' Here I was, in this crushed vehicle, staring at a tarp that had been thrown over me, holding someone's hand, and I'm singing a song. What in the heck is going on?"

Onerecker had prayed that Piper would have no internal injuries and no head injuries. Then he started to sing hymns, and Piper started singing with him...

Piper was transported to the nearest trauma hospital in Houston, where he spent nearly four months recovering from injuries. His left arm and leg were almost completely severed, and had to be surgically repaired and reattached.

I spent so much time in such terrible pain, and having seen glory, I wanted to go back," Piper says. "The trouble was so many people were trying to help me, and praying for me, that I realized I was here because people were asking God for me to be here"...

Today, Piper travels nearly two-thirds of every year, giving talks about his experiences, speaking to audiences of practically every type. **He will be speaking at Trinity Baptist Church on Monday, January 11, 2010.** Be sure to invite your family and friends.

Happy New Year!

Pastor Richard

THE UPPER CLASS

The Upper Class Meeting is Tuesday, January 12 at 10:30 am. Lunch will also be served. Our guest speaker is Jimmy Ogle "Before There Was Memphis", (West Tennessee History). Devotional will be led by Missy Hansen.