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| Katie Reynolds | 3/1 | Connor Wood | 3/8 |
| Emery Bunch | 3/2 | Andrew Mahoney | 3/8 |
| Leesa Downs | 3/2 | Sharon Bunch | 3/8 |
| Emily Lankford | 3/3 | Molly Taylor | 3/8 |
| Roy Croom | 3/4 | Matthew Mathenia | 3/8 |
| Jessica Mahoney | 3/4 | Becca Jewell | 3/9 |
| Andrew Samson | 3/5 | Ume Fong | 3/9 |
| Jay Windsor | 3/5 | Chuck Abraham | 3/10 |
| Walter Crews | 3/5 | Neely Manuel | 3/11 |
| Catherine Cowles | 3/5 | Chuck Buttry | 3/12 |
| Kristen Stedman | 3/6 | Petra Alhstrom | 3/12 |
| Deborah Sawyer | 3/6 | Gail Cockrell | 3/12 |
| Drew Heady | 3/6 | Jacob Miller | 3/13 |
| Debra Blumer | 3/6 | Edward Walsh | 3/13 |
| Rachel Emery | 3/7 | Piper Windsor | 3/13 |
| Rex Hollaway | 3/7 | Bobby Webb | 3/14 |
| Jeff Adams | 3/7 | Boyd Jordan | 3/14 |

MEETINGS AND OPPORTUNITIES

MONDAY, MARCH 1
Ladies' Bible Study, 9:30 am

TUESDAY, MARCH 2
WOM Prayer Group Mtg. at Sunny Weir's home, 10:00 am
Tai Chi, 11:30 am
Ladies' Bible Study, 6:30 pm
Youth Cmt. Mtg., 6:30 pm
Personnel Cmt. Mtg., 6:30 pm
The Butcher Shop Reading Group, 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3
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

THURSDAY, MARCH 4
Tai Chi, 11:30 am
Wild Game Dinner, 6:00 pm

SUNDAY, MARCH 7
Morning Worship Service, 8:30 & 11:00 am
Sunday School, 9:45 am
Fingers of God Puppet Practice, 1:30 pm
NewSong Youth Choir Rehearsal, 5:00 pm
Winter Home Fellowships, 5:00 pm

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From the Pastor's Pen

Many years ago in England a circus elephant named Bozo was very popular with the public. Children especially loved to crowd around his cage and throw him peanuts. Then one day there was a sudden change in the elephant's personality. Several times he tried to kill his keeper and when the children came near his cage he would charge toward them as if wanting to trample them to death. It was obvious he would have to be destroyed. The circus owner, a greedy and crude man, decided to stage a public execution of the animal. In this way, he could sell tickets and try to recoup some of the cost of losing such a valuable property.

The day came and the huge circus tent was packed. Bozo, in his cage, was in the center ring. Nearby stood a firing squad with high-powered rifles. The manager, standing near the cage, was about ready to give the signal to fire, when out of the crowd came a short, inconspicuous man in a brown derby hat.

"There is no need for this," he told the manager quietly.

The manager brushed him aside. "He is a bad elephant. He must die before he kills someone."

"You are wrong," insisted the man. "Give me two minutes in the cage along with him and I will prove you are wrong."

The manager turned and stared in amazement. "You will be killed," he said.

"I don't think so," said the man. "Do I have your permission?"

The manager, being the kind of man he was, was not one to pass up such a dramatic spectacle. Even if the man were killed, the publicity alone would be worth millions.

"All right," he said, "but first you will have to sign a release absolving the circus of all responsibility." The small man signed the paper.

As he removed his coat and hat, preparing to enter the cage, the manager told the people what was about to happen. A hush fell over the crowd. The door to the cage was unlocked, the man stepped inside, then the door was locked behind him. At the site of the stranger in his cage the elephant threw back his trunk, let out a might roar, then bent his head preparing to charge. The man stood still, a faint smile on his face as he began to talk to the animal. The audience was so quiet that those nearest the cage could hear the man talking but couldn't make out the words; he seemed to be speaking some foreign language. Slowly, as the man continued to talk, the elephant raised his head. Then the crowd heard an almost piteous cry from the elephant as his enormous head began to sway gently from side to side. Smiling, the man walked confidently to the animal and began to stroke the long trunk. All aggression seemed suddenly to have been drained from the elephant. Docile as a pup now he wound his trunk around the man's waist and the two walked slowly around the ring. The astounded audience could bear the silence no longer and broke out in cheers and clapping. After a while the man bade farewell to the elephant and left the cage.

"He'll be all right now," he told the manager. "You see, he's an Indian elephant and none of you spoke his language, Hindustani. I would advise you to get someone around here who speaks Hindustani. He was just homesick." And with that the little man put on his coat and hat and left. The astounded manager looked down at the slip of paper in his hand. The name the man had signed was Rudyard Kipling. (*Bits & Pieces*, Dec. 1991)

How many languages do you speak? Commit yourself to studying other "languages" because there are many *homesick* people out there.

Blessings,
Pastor Richard

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Wild Game Dinner

Thursday, March 4, 6:00 pm in the Gym

Our special guest speaker is Steve McCadams, fishing and hunting guide, who also is a sports writer, and has published many articles.



We will have lots of food, fun, and loads of door prizes. Be sure to invite your family, friends and neighbors. We ask that you bring your favorite dish and bring enough for you and your guests. For more information, contact Sam Dawson or George Gregory.

Opportunities for Outreach:

Winter Home Fellowships

Sunday, March 7, 5:00 pm

Sign up to host Trinity Members and Guests in the foyer

Outreach to Cordova Community

Sunday, March 21

*Pick up door hangers in church foyer following

Sunday School, if attending first service or 11:00 am Worship

*You'll receive map of Cordova area, and assist with 3 to 4 blocks



Look for information in the next issue of the Triquetra

Trinity's Easter Celebration & Egg Hunts

Saturday, March 27

2:00-5:00 pm



Wednesday Night Adult Discipleship

Wide Angle: Framing Your World View with Mark Moland and Richard Hipps
 Conference Room, 6:15pm

10 Best Ways to Ruin Your Teenager, Part 2

With Tommy Simons
 Tommy's Office, 6:30 pm

Your Time Starved Marriage: Parents of Preschool/Children

With Missy Hansen and Amy Eoff
 Conference Room, 6:30 pm

March Committee Reminders:

Personnel Committee

March 2, 6:30 pm

Finance Committee

March 9, 6:30 pm

Church Council

March 28 following 11:00 am service, Room 126



Wed. NIGHT-Turbo Charged-6:30 pm

- March 3 - Dateable Rules
- March 10 - Dateable Rules
- March 17- No Turbo Charged
- March 24 - Downstairs
- March 31 - Small Groups

Youth Choir-Sundays at 5:00 pm

March 7 and March 21

Pioneers for Christ Meeting

Sunday, March 21, 4:00 pm in the Cafe

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 February, \$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.



Baseball & T-Ball Sign-Ups

Boys & Girls 4-6 years old; Cost is \$50.00

Boys & Girls grades 1-6; Cost is \$70.00



Registration forms are in the gym foyer or online at www.trinitybaptistchurch.org. Deadline to turn in T-ball forms is March 7, and to turn in Baseball forms is March 28. For more information, contact Zack Butterfield at zbutterfield@trinitybaptistchurch.org or call 759-5955.

Adult Softball Sign-Ups

18 & Up; Cost is \$50.00

Registration forms are in the gym foyer or online at www.trinitybaptistchurch.org.
 Deadline to turn in softball forms is February 28.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Mrs. Lisa Buckner
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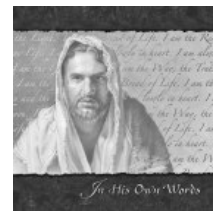
Family Cookout & Petting Zoo Outing

at Sanga Farms

Sunday, March 28, 4:00-6:00 pm

(For 1st-6th graders)

Watch for more details!



In His Own Words

- Preaching/Worship Series on the Words of Christ – March 21 to May 16
- Choral Presentation-Sanctuary Choir with Orchestra on May 16 at 5:00 pm

Holy Week Activities

March 28 (Sunday) – Palm Sunday Celebration

April 1 (Thursday) – Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 pm

April 4 (Sunday) – Easter Morning Celebration & Baptism

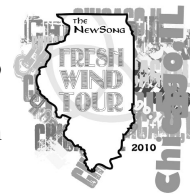
NewSong Fresh Wind Tour 2010

June 12-19 – NewSong Mission Tour 2010 to Chicago, IL

June 27 (Sunday Night) – NewSong Mission Tour Home Presentation at Trinity

Payment Schedule:

- \$75 deposit due with registration by February 28, 2010 (already past)
- \$50 due by March 28, 2010
- \$50 due by April 25, 2010



Upcoming Lord's Supper Dates

March 21

April 1 (Maundy Thursday)

May 16

June 13

FINANCIAL REPORT

On November 15, 2009, the church membership voted to allocate 10% of our 2010 Tithes & Offerings to Missions. This is a first for Trinity Baptist Church and we praise God for the work he is doing at Trinity. The following is a breakdown of how the 10% is allocated:

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| Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) | 1.00% |
| Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) | 1.00% |
| Trinity - Local | 2.50% |
| Trinity - Foreign | 3.25% |
| Shelby Baptist Association | 1.00% |
| Mission Involvement | 1.25% |
| Total | 10.00% |

Note: Each member has the ability to allocate 4.5% of their offering to SBC, CBF, or Trinity Missions by checking the appropriate box on their offering envelope. Since we have no way to predicate if a member is going to check a box, and if so which box, this percentage calculation is based on no boxes being checked on any offering envelopes.



Trinity's Annual Community Easter Celebration & Egg Hunts

Saturday, March 27

2:00-5:00 pm

Bible Story Games with prizes, Crafts, Concessions, Train Rides, Moon Bounce, Pony Rides, Petting Zoo, Puppet Show, and much much more! Egg Hunts for all age groups will be held multiple times.

Pre-Stuffed Eggs Needed

Donations of pre-stuffed eggs are needed for the Egg Hunts. Donations can be dropped off in the designated boxes in the gym foyer.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed during the event! Please sign-up to help on the Volunteer Board located in the hallway between the Chapel building and the Office/Gym building.

PRESCHOOL MINISTRIES

Kite Day

March 14 following the 11:00 service

The cost will be \$5.00 per family. Hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks will be served, then we will go out to fly our kites! Kites will be provided if you do not bring your own.

Sign up beginning Sunday, February 21 at the Preschool Welcome Desk.

Questions: Contact Missy Hansen at mhansen@trinitybaptistchurch.org.

WOMEN ON MISSION PRAYER GROUP

All women are invited to the Prayer Group meeting on Tuesday, March 2 at 10:00 am at the home of Sunny Weir.

GUATEMALA MISSIONS

All deposits must be paid by March 15 to guarantee our trip cost. If you plan to be a part of this team, please pay your deposit immediately. Trinity members have up to March 1 to guarantee a spot and remaining spots open after March 1 will be open to non-members.

