



September

Susan Jewell	9/1	Lougene Redden	9/11
Larry Reed	9/2	Mary Rogers	9/11
Lindsay White	9/2	Michelle Shaver	9/11
Eric Blumer	9/4	Kai Randolph	9/12
Michael Horton	9/4	Tracy Emery	9/12
Shirley Green	9/5	Lea Buttry	9/12
Elizabeth Cash	9/5	Jax Rogers	9/12
Meagan Stedman	9/5	Cindy Beers	9/12
Blake Collum	9/6	Joshua Seal	9/12
Ed Wilson	9/6	Ansley Crouch	9/12
David Blaylock	9/6	Tommy Roebuck	9/12
Mark Hall	9/6	Kathy Richter	9/12
Mary Ann Hamilton	9/6	Don Crocker	9/13
LaVerne McCard	9/7	Mary Grace Prescott	9/13
Rick Nava	9/8	Mary Polatty	9/13
Heaven Myers	9/8	Nathan Terry	9/14
Mike Trexler	9/9	Frank Canady	9/14
Nancy Morton	9/9	Abbey Cox	9/14
Sunny Weir	9/11	Joe Garrigan	9/14
		Valerie Schranz	9/14

MEETINGS AND OPPORTUNITIES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
 Fellowship Dinner, 5:15 pm
 TMAC (Grades 1-6), 6:00 pm
 Prayer Time & Bible Study, 6:15 pm
 FLIGHT Turbo Charged (Youth), 6:15 pm
 Adult Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
 Tai Chi, 11:30 am
 Career Transition Team Mtg., 7:00 pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
 Deacons' Mtg., 6:30 am

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
 Morning Worship Service, 8:30 & 11:00 am
 Sunday School, 9:45 am
 Fingers of God Puppet Practice, 1:30 pm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
 Labor Day! Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
 WOM Prayer Group, 10:00 am
 Personnel Cmt. Mtg., 6:30 pm

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Dr. Richard S. Hippias, Pastor



From the Pastor's Pen

I am grateful for the good things you send me that you are reading. John Jumper, one of our newer members, sent me this meditation based on **Luke 9:51-62**:

I remember the days when you could call someone on the telephone, and if they were already on the line, you would get a busy signal. The person was already talking with someone, and you'd have to try again later. But nowadays, there's something called "call-waiting." Even though the person you are calling is already with someone, he or she gets a message that someone else is calling, and if you were the original conversation partner, you might get put on hold a minute while the person finds out who is on the other line. "Can you hold on a minute? I have another call I need to get. Just a minute." And before you can say anything, you are put on hold.

Something like this is going on in this evening's Gospel lesson, and I don't think Jesus is happy about it one bit. One after another would-be disciples call on Jesus and tell him how eager they are to follow him, tell him how devoted they will be to him, tell him how they'll love him to the end,...and in the middle of these assurances, their call-waiting clicks in. And these would-be disciples explain that they'll be right back with Jesus, they really will, they're 100% with him, to the end, but they've got to put him on hold for just a second to tend to this other bit of business, and they'll be right back...honest.

And Jesus makes it clear that this is not going to work. We have to remember that Jesus is not after a kind of cultic, Moonie mind-control. The Gospel is about a love relationship, and what Jesus knew about love relationships was that constant interruptions can kill them. And this love relationship is about all our mind and all our heart and our soul. Jesus is after a monogamous relationship with you, and anything less than whole-hearted devotion can be deadly.

We all know about this. When lovers want to be especially intimate with each other, they go into their room secretly, privately, alone, and they shut the door. And what did Jesus say about prayer time with God? He said it was just like that. Go into your room alone, secretly, privately, and shut the door, and your Father who sees you in secret will reward you. We might ask ourselves how fully we are able to be with God and with each other.

Being a Christian is not about being good; it's not about following the rules or making yourself pleasing to God. Because you already are pleasing to God. Being a Christian is

about rediscovering a life-giving intimacy. It's about making yourself available for an uninterrupted love relationship with God that leads to deeper, focused love for others.

Many of us know about the kind of spiritual and emotional fragmentation that makes intimacy difficult and sometimes impossible for us. Are the various demands on our lives causing us to lose our ability to focus? Are we losing our ability to maintain wholehearted spiritual attentiveness, because we have a call-waiting feature installed on our souls?

This evening's Gospel story invites us to ask ourselves if we are regularly being interrupted in our relationship with God. What is keeping us from the deeper intimacy with God to which Jesus calls us? We can't respond to everything, and we already have someone on the line to our soul, someone waiting patiently for a love relationship that will change everything, if only we can be still and listen.

Blessings,
Pastor Richard

NEW SERMON SERIES
"Just Who Do You Think You Are?"
Begins September 12

This series is based on what the New Testament says about our identity in Christ.

Tuesday, October 12, 7:00 pm
Conference Room



One Man's Extraordinary Year of Trying to Do the Right Things... unfinished business...

By Lee Kravitz

All of us have unfinished business—the things we should have done but just let slip. Kravitz's story reveals that the things we've avoided are exactly those that have the power to transform, enrich, enlarge, and even complete us. The lesson of this book is one applicable to us all: Be mindful of what is most important, and act on it. The rewards will be immediate and lasting.

(The pastor recommends this book for all members.)

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GEORGIA AVENUE TUTORING

Begins Wednesday, September 15
 All interested women & men are invited to go once, twice or each Wednesday every month to work with inner-city Kindergarten children. We will meet at TBC at noon each Wednesday and return no later than 3:30 pm. Transportation will be provided.

FALL LADIES' BIBLE STUDIES

***Monday mornings beginning September 13, 9:30 am**
&
Tuesday evenings beginning September 14, 6:30 pm
"Jonah Navigating a Life Interrupted"
 by Priscilla Shirer (7 week study).
**Childcare provided for Monday mornings only.*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CO-ED BIBLE STUDY

Begins September 15, 6:30 pm
"Here and Now . . . There and Then"
 A Series on Revelation by Beth Moore
 (11 week study). Childcare provided.

Come and enjoy dinner at 5:00 pm, and take advantage of free childcare and join us for this exciting Bible Study.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

Friday, September 10, 6:30 pm
 Featuring Shana Moland. Learn how to save 50% on household spending! Bring a salad or dessert. Admission is 1 or more cans of food for the Brinkley Heights Food Pantry. Childcare available. **Registration deadline is Sunday, September 5.**

TABLECLOTH ROUND UP

Summer is here, but before you know it, fall will arrive and the holiday season will be just around the corner. If you've used any of the large white tablecloths in the past, (either for Taste of Trinity Dinner or other church events), please check your linen closet to see if you have any of them that need to be returned. Be sure to drop them off at the church office.

FROM THE CHURCH MAILBOX

Dear Trinity Family,
 Thanks you so much for the outpouring of love shown to me in the form of gift cards, notes, letters, hugs and prayers during our Global Missions Emphasis Sunday. The Trinity Church family means more to me than I can adequately express in words. You are the backbone of my work in the Middle East and I say in concert with Paul, "I thank my God on every remembrance of you..." I look forward to being with you during the coming months and to sharing more about God's work in the Middle East.

Love & Blessings,
 Elizabeth Richards

Women's Sunday School Class

If you are interested in becoming part of Trinity Baptist's Women's Sunday School Class, please contact Tommy Simons, tsimons@trinitybaptistchurch.org.
 Proposed Teacher- Valerie Schranz - Seeking women who are not connected to present Sunday School or because of "life station" are interested in Bible Study for Women only.
 • The class is intergenerational
 • If we have enough interested participants, class will debut soon.

Bible Study for Chinese Students at U of M

Under the leadership of Dr. Hong, we are considering sponsoring Bible Study for Chinese Students at University of Memphis.
 If you are interested in participating or assisting Dr. Hong, please contact Tommy, tsimons@trinitybaptistchurch.org.

Room Change Reminders

We are experiencing a good problem in our Trinity Sunday School. Due to space issues the following changes have been made:
 • Kindergarten Class has moved to Room 116 B
 • Family Stages has moved to Room 208
 • Foundations has moved to Trinity Gym

Thanks for all your work Promotion Day

I appreciate all your flexibility and willingness to experience new spaces and relationships.
 A special thank you to Randy and Barbara Ward for their willingness to move into gym area, in order to expand one room for our growing Preschool Department.

Budget Reminders

• All Budget Numbers from Committee Chairs are due to Laurie Dillard, by Monday, October 4.
 • Budget is discussed at Church Council, Sunday, October 24
 • Budget Discussion at Town Hall, Sunday, November 14.

Wednesday Night Adult Discipleship

• Personalizing the Gospel Stories- Dr. Richard Hipps, Chapel
 • Bishop of Rwanda- Tommy Simons and Bob Browder, Conference Room
 • September 1 and 8- Here and Now....There and Then.... Study debuts September 8 for 11 weeks

Sundays After Worship in September

September 5- No pm service
 September 12- Youth International Fundraiser, following 11:00 am service
 September 18- No pm service (Youth Choir will meet, 5:00 pm)
 September 25- Fellowship for New Members and Guests at Trinity Pavilion, 5:00 pm

Wed. NIGHT- Turbo Charged-6:00 pm

September 1 - TIME CHANGES to 6:00
 September 8 - I AM Series- Looking for God
 September 15 - I AM- When Bad Things Happen
 September 22 - I AM - Identity
 September 29 - I AM- Question of Faith

Youth Choir

September 12 - 4:00 pm
 September 19 - 5:00 pm
 September 26 - 5:00 pm

Pioneers For Christ (Youth Council) Meeting

Sunday, September 19, 4:00 pm

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Sunday School Teacher Training

September 26 - 4:00 pm

Youth International Trip Fundraiser Lunch

September 12 at 12:00 pm
 Cost is \$5.00
 All Church is Invited

There will be a live auction and silent auction
 All proceeds will be given toward the
 2012 Youth International Mission Trip.

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 September, \$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.

Everyone is Invited!

2012 Youth International Mission Trip Fundraiser
 You are invited to a fundraising lunch and auction on Sunday, September 12 to help support our students who are planning an International Mission Trip in 2012. After the second service, come by the Gym and enjoy a meal and a chance to bid on special items with all the proceeds going to offset the costs for the International Mission Trip. Cost for the lunch is \$5.00.

Gospel Sing Adult Choir Party

The Adult Choir will be having a "Gospel Sing" party at Charlene Hammons home on Saturday, September 11. Even if you are not in the adult choir, but would like to come sing with us, you are more than welcome! See Jamie or Charlene for more details.

Coming up in Worship

September 12 – 2012 Youth International Mission Trip Fundraiser
 September 26 – Music and Worship Ministry Commissioning
 October 24 – Choir: NewSong and Adult Choirs Singing Together
 November 21 – Choir: NewSong and Adult Choirs Singing Together
 November 28 – First Sunday of Advent

Upcoming Lord's Supper Dates

September 19
 October 10
 November 21
 December 24 (Christmas Eve)



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES
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Fall Hayride/Cookout with TN Baptist Children's Home
Saturday, September 18
4:00-6:30 pm
(For grades 1-6 & families)

Where: At the TN Baptist Children's Home
 If you would like to sponsor a Tennessee Baptist Children's Home child for the day, see Lisa Buckner.
 Sign-up on board in the children's back hallway.