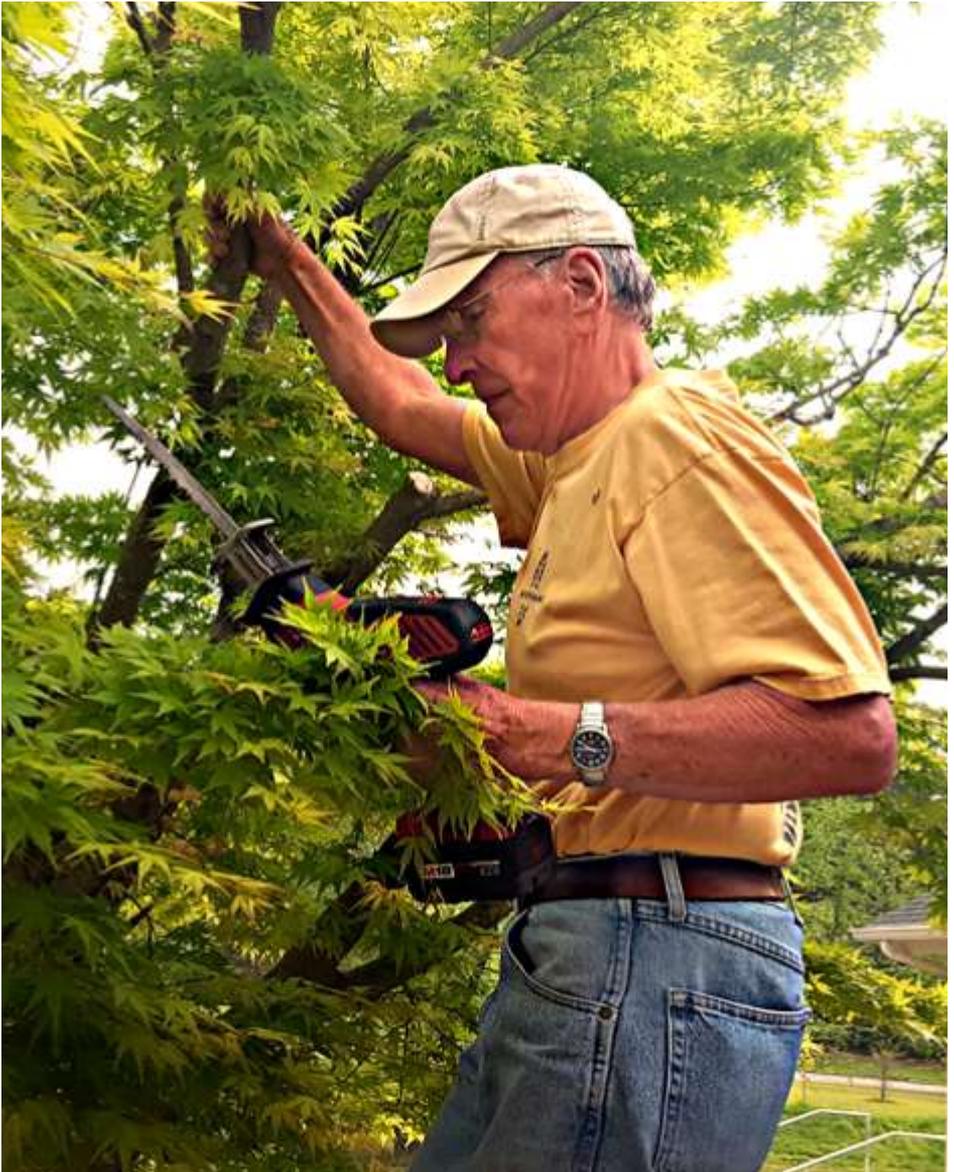


Trinity Today



Trinity Presbyterian Church, Little Rock

Fall 2019

Re-Creation Sunday

A Day of New Beginnings

September 8

Every fall we experience a shift as school starts and football returns and the colors begin to change. At Trinity we acknowledge this shift when we come together for our celebration of Re-Creation Sunday. This year our celebration will take place on September 8. We'll kick off the day with new Sunday school classes for all children 3 years through adults from 9:15 to 10:15am. At 10:30, we'll move into the sanctuary for a worship service built around the Aladdin theme of "You Ain't Never Had a Friend Like Me." Following worship everyone will enjoy a wonderful lunch of hotdogs, chili, cheese dip and Fellowship more prepared by the Committee. The cost is free, but there will be a donation basket to help defray costs.

At noon, activities for all ages will begin on the porch and grounds. There will be an 18' inflatable water slide, a dunking booth and kiddie wading pools for those who like to live on the wet & wild side. For those who prefer staying dry, you can sit on the porch and play a little Baggio or get a group together for the trivia challenge (with valuable prizes!), or just visit with the fun. friends and watch all the the Maybe best of all, the will Kona Ice Truck be here giving out free snow cones. Whatever your preferences, this is a day that needs to be shared by all the family and friends of Trinity. So, invite your friends, neighbors and co-workers for this day of Re-Creation.



Three Wishes



A
Sermon
Series
Based
On
Aladdin

Sep. 8 Wishing for a Friend

Clip: *You Ain't Never had a
Friend Like Me*

Sep. 15 Wishing to be Heard

Clip: *Jasmine sings Speechless*

Sep. 22 Wishing for a Better World

Clip: *A Whole New World*



Gals On The Go is a group of women of all ages who gather at Trinity for outings. The events are open to all women. There is no set group; at each gathering, a changing group of women participate. Beginning in October, on the second Wednesday of each month at 11:00am, all women of the church are invited to join us for lunch and an outing. We meet in the church parking lot to carpool when possible.

Our first trip, set for October 9 at 11:00am, will be to Heifer International down near the Clinton library. We'll lunch at Café@Heifer where they feature locally-sourced items. We welcome input on future trips!



Children's Sunday School

Beginning Sunday, September 8, Sunday school classes will meet each week for all age groups 3 years through adults from 9:15 to 10:15am. These classes provide not only a learning and spiritual growth opportunity, but they create small groups where people really have an opportunity to get to know each other in a more intimate setting. We hope that you will read the descriptions of the classes and decide to give Sunday school a try!

Our children's classrooms are full of fun and exploration as they explore God's word using The Deep Blue curriculum by Cokesbury. This curriculum uses adventure, stories, science experiments, arts and crafts, animated video storytelling, and active games – all combined into a faith experience that helps children discover what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ today.



Preschool/Early Elementary Class

3 years – 2nd grades

Deep Blue Curriculum

Teacher: Nette Curtis

Room 5

Older Elementary Class

2nd – 5th grades

Deep Blue Curriculum

Teachers: Shannon McNulty & Nick Steele

Room 4

Youth Class

6th – 12th grades

Teacher: Jared Brown

Room 7

Sunday School

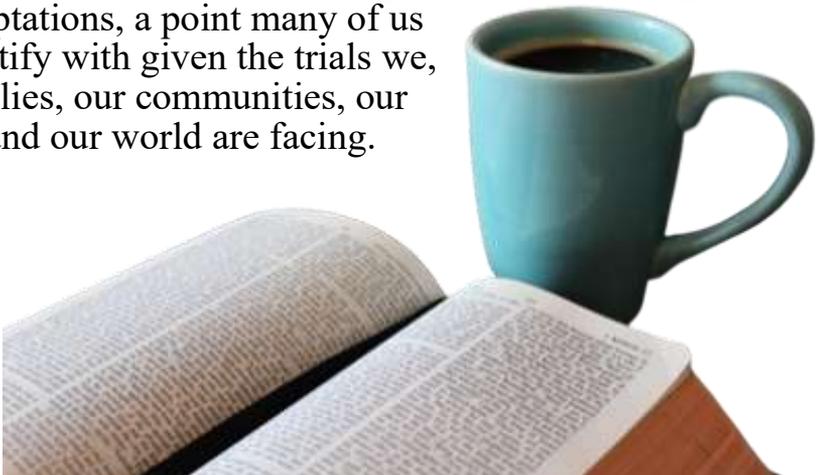
Adult COFFEE Class

Leaders: Dan Curtis & Becky Morin

Room 6

The COFFEE (*C*onversations *O*f *F*aith *F*or *E*veryday *E*vangelists) Class is looking forward to re-forming this fall and diving into the scriptures. We bring our own understanding to the table to share in spirited, open discussions each week. We invite anyone who has a thirst to better understand the Bible, whether you have a wide knowledge base, or no base at all; whether you enjoy voicing an opinion or prefer to sit back and listen; or, if you just want to share a cup of coffee with some friends. Come join us at the table in Room 6.

We are going to study James, one of the 22 epistles in the New Testament. James is writing as the 12 tribes scattered among the nations. Throughout the book, James encourages believers to not only live consistently in what they have learned in Christ, but also to mature in their faith in Christ, to not be afraid to be courageous, and express what they believe. He encourages believers to live humbly and pray in all situations. Throughout James, you will find a consistent theme of patience and perseverance during trials and temptations, a point many of us can identify with given the trials we, our families, our communities, our nation, and our world are facing.



Sunday School

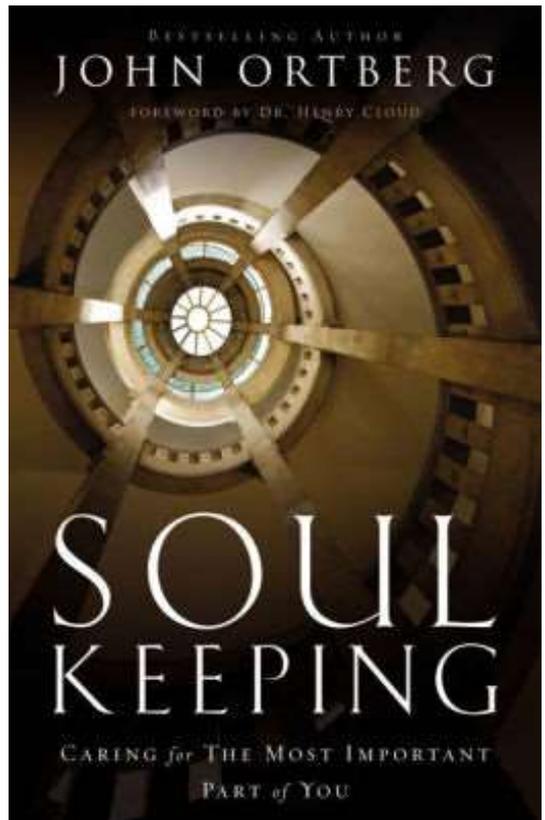
Sacred Journey Adult Class

Leaders: Angela Smiley & Amy Griffin

Room 2

Everyone is welcome! One of our greatest strengths is our very diverse age range that helps us examine topics and issues from a variety of viewpoints. We are a relaxed, fun, discussion driven group who enjoys learning about Gods word as well as connecting with and encouraging each other as sisters and brothers in Christ. This fall our class will be studying John Ortberg's *Soul Keeping*.

In this study, Ortberg helps Christians rediscover their soul, the best connection to God there is. He will take us on an exploration of the soul from the perspective of someone who has struggled to understand and care for his own soul. He will share his own honest, funny, moving, insightful, and tender journey with us so that we can better care for our own souls. Please join us for this insightful study and become a part of this wonderful group!



Trinity Youth Group

What We Are About

The Trinity Youth Program is dedicated to growing young hearts in a relationship with Christ and each other. Every Sunday nights we meet from 5:30-7:30 for a time of fellowship and fun while we learn about God's love through group activities and adventures.

Our Youth Ministry partners with parents and the community to plan everything from exciting trips, retreats, and themed lock-ins to supporting outreach projects like Stewpot and sending care packages to our Trinity kids who are far from home at college.

Everything we do with the Trinity Youth is to show that God's love is not bound by human conditions but is free to everyone that will take it. We seek to mirror that love in each other, our community, and the world at large.

Sunday School Classes: Fall 2019

We meet from 9:15-10:15 in the Youth Room where we discuss our week's "Yays and Nays" and follow that up with a discussion based on our weekly fall Bible study.

Each Sunday morning we will follow up on our last Bible study topic and get a primer introduction to this week's topic that we will be discussing in Youth Group that night. And don't forget to invite a friend or two!



What's up @ Trinity Youth Group

September 8: 15 Sundays to Christmas

It might still be 90 degrees most days, but Christmas is just around the corner! Starbucks' Pumpkin Spice Lattes are in full swing and Walmart will have Christmas trees out before you know it. We will take a moment to look forward to Advent without the stress of presents and Black Friday. What does this season mean to us and how do we feel knowing we only have 15 more Sundays to prepare?



September 15: Is Seeing Really *Believing*?

We take tests in school, to drive, we even have our vision tested. How we test ourselves helps us mark our growth. So why not test God? Come to youth this Sunday to test your mind, body, and spirit to find out what it means to really test God and if we should attempt to do so!



September 22: Parents Just Don't Understand

Let's face it, rules are the worst! I mean when is the last time you said, "Boy I hope I get detention this week." If you're like most people, you squirm when someone in charge of your life lays down a rule you're forced to follow or catches you when you're doing what you shouldn't. What does the Bible say about submitting to this authority? And what happens when the rules of the Bible and rules of our society clash?



Trinity Youth Represented on the Youth Advisory Team

The Youth Advisory Team is a group of youth from churches all around the Presbytery of Arkansas that come together to plan and organize youth events throughout the year. This year Trinity sent three of our own to join what's known amongst the Presbytery youth as "The A-Team."

Christian Kasten worked on summer trip planning while Duffy Porter and Ben Smiley focused on Junior High Youthquake. Everyone came together to share ideas with multiple presentations and brainstorming sessions!



Summer Snapshots with Trinity Youth



Trinity Youth had a big summer sending kids from south Texas to northern Indiana! First, Trinity's Junior High Youth took off to Mo-Ranch in Hunt, Texas for a week of "Advent in July" on the banks of the Guadalupe River. A week after returning home it was Senior High Youth's turn to make a trip, but they headed north to attend the once every three year celebration that is Triennium! Purdue University hosted the event of over 5000 Presbyterian youth from all over the country.

The theme of the gathering was "Here is My Heart" and every day brought a new and wonderful message! For the entire week Trinity Youth got to experience the college life by living in dorms, getting lost on campus, and attending small groups.



Trinity Youth Winter Retreat: *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

Trinity's Senior High Youth will be going on a trip to Winter Park, Colorado! We will depart Little Rock for a two-day road trip to Winter Park and enjoy three days of snow, skiing, fellowship, worship and fun! Our theme for this trip is "Go Tell it on



the Mountain," which in this sense is quite literal. We will even get to celebrate New Year's Eve on the slopes! We will depart Winter Park on January 2 and arrive home January 3.

The entire trip—travel, food, lodging, and skiing—will only be **\$400!** Space for this trip is *very* limited, so if you know a current 9th-12th grader who is interested, email Youth Director Jared Brown (jaredotisbrown@gmail.com) to get the registration packet!

Exploring God's Creation: Trinity Youth Day Trip to Crater of Diamonds National Park

Trinity Youth will travel to Crater of Diamonds National Park on Saturday, October 19 to focus on one of the most astonishing things that God has done: He has created the universe, and what a universe it is! Arkansas has one of the only places in the world where you can walk around a volcanic crater that is covered in gems, precious stones, and even diamonds. Does God take



pleasure in His creation? And if so, why does He?

Come on this trip with Trinity Youth to answer those questions and try your own hand at bringing home a beautiful piece of God's creation!

Julie Price's Wish List For the Children

Earlier in the year you may have noticed a new addition in our narthex, a children's bookshelf. This was something the Education Division thought might help the youngest members of our congregation (and their parents and grandparents) during worship services. It can be especially difficult for children to learn to sit still during services, so they can pick up a book or two to help as they go through this process of learning to worship. We have picture books and readers, Bible stories, stories about the church year, and just good, worthwhile stories that teach values. But it's time to infuse our selection with a little variety. If you have a book or two at home that your children have outgrown that might be good for our shelves, please give me a call.



Secondly, as volunteers did our annual classroom clean-up this past week, we noted a few needs. In our infant to 2-year nursery (Room 1), their little table finally gave out. The toddlers and twos loved sitting at this table to eat goldfish or color. Check out the four little animal chairs they still have and, if you have a little table that might work, please give me a call.

Finally, on the workday we also noted the TV's in the preschool and elementary rooms. Both classes use DVD's with their curriculum. In one room we have the last of the giant old TV's that is on its last leg and the other room's old TV finally crashed last year and they have been using a little 14" screen from my house. Neither of these are critical, but, if you happen to be upgrading your home television and need a place to get rid of your old one, please give me a call at 501-626-6477.

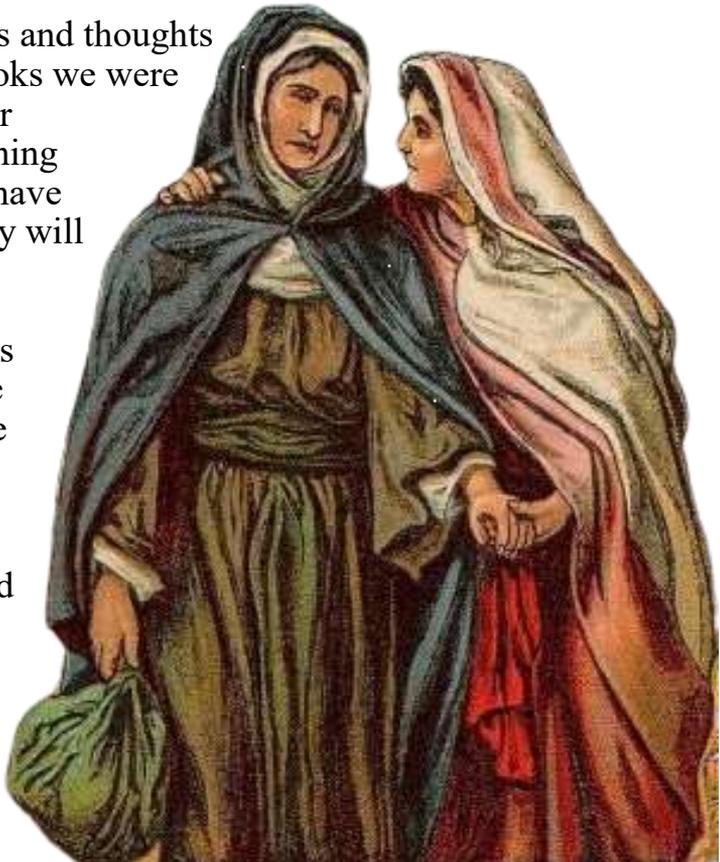
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[Women At The Table]

Resumes on September 11

- ◆ *“We don’t read or talk about women in the Bible much in church.”*
- ◆ *“The Bible itself tends to skate right over them.”*
- ◆ *“When women do show up, they seem to be players in a man’s story.”*
- ◆ *“When we read their stories, we can see not only their particular, fearsome lives but also our own.”*
- ◆ *“The stories present in our Bible are messy and challenging and beautiful.”*

With these words and thoughts coming from books we were reviewing for our Wednesday morning Bible study, we have decided our study will be “ABC’s of Women of The Bible.” God uses people to change the world. There are many strong women in the Bible who depended on God more than themselves. Some had to lie to save others, and others broke tradition



to do the right thing. Their deeds, as guided by God, are recorded in the Bible for all to read and be inspired. We have found so many women's fascinating stories we believe will lead us to some interesting, enlightening, challenging, and educating discussions and thoughts. In fact there are so many stories we will not be able to study or discuss each one in depth.

Currently we are using a number of books for our study and research, so at this time we do not have just one to recommend for purchase as our official study book. We will discuss the various books about women of the Bible at our first session.

The study will be conducted as in the past, with Nancy and Susie Haynes presenting research and encouraging everyone to join in discussion and sharing of thoughts and ideas. Each time together will stand on its own, so if you're unable to attend and have to miss a session, you will not be behind or hindered in any way. We just want to encourage everyone to attend when possible.

Additionally, we will be planning monthly outings together and request each of you to be thinking of outing ideas. We encourage anyone and everyone to join us! We are looking forward to another year of fun learning and lively discussions with our W@TT sisters.

Our study begins on Wednesday, September 11 from 10:00-11:00am in Room 6. Exploring "A" ladies for the first month, we will learn and discuss, pray and share.

We look forward to meeting new friends and renewing friendships with members who have been in the group before. If you have any questions, please contact Susie Haynes at 501-351-6284 or Nancy Howell at 501-519-3281.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Living at the Corner of Faith and Doubt

Do true believers have doubts? Many churches seem to suggest that faith and doubt cannot coexist. If that is the case, Julie and I aren't real believers. Pastor Tim Keller says it like this:

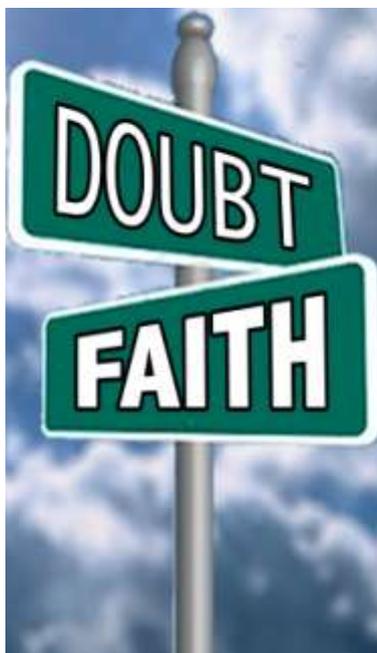
“A person's faith can collapse almost overnight if she has failed over the years to listen patiently to her own doubts, which should only be discarded after long reflection.”

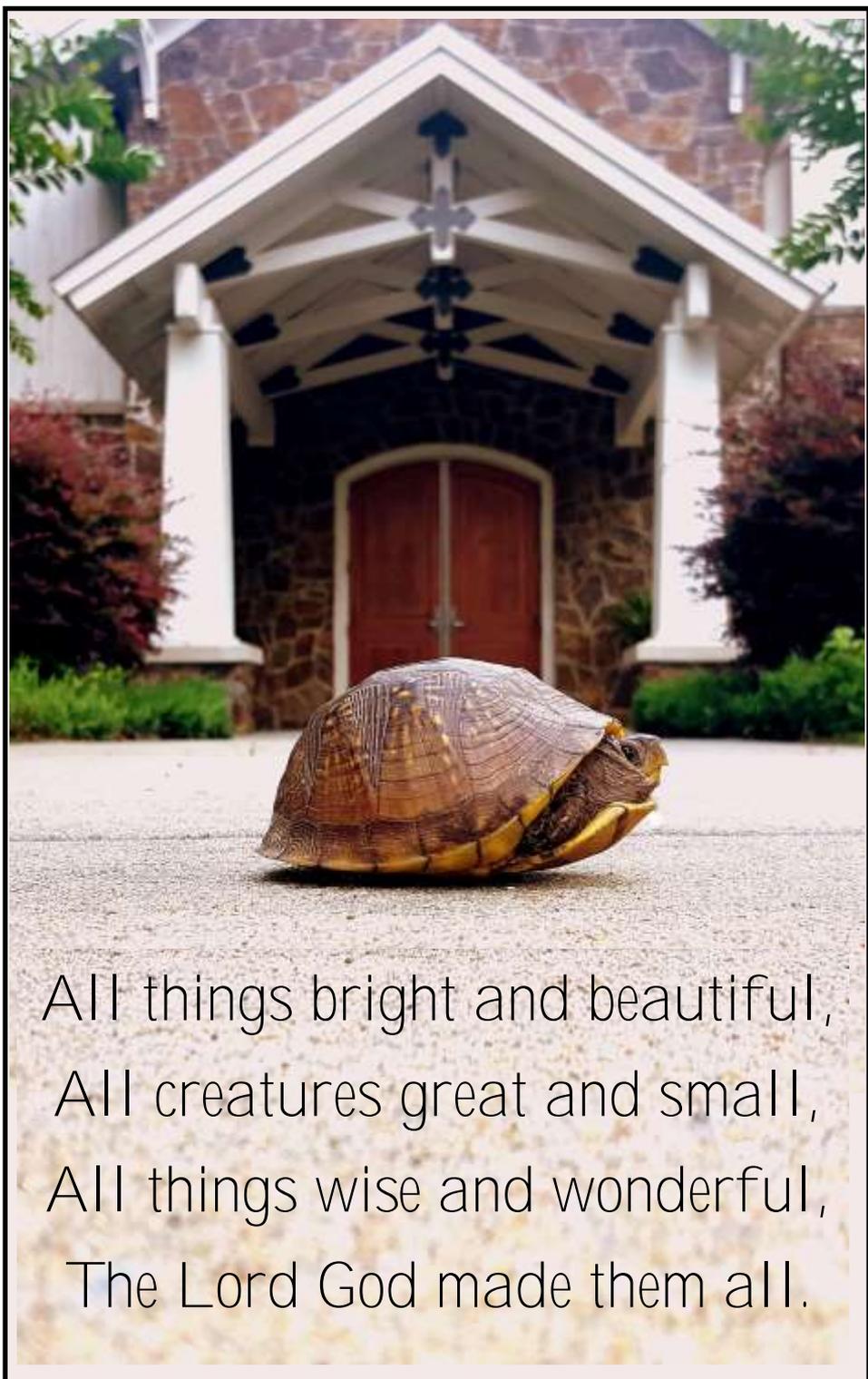
Pastor Jeff and DCE Julie Price will together lead this class that looks deeply at some famous doubters in the scriptures. We will also together reflect on our doubts, discovering how they harm us, but also how they can be beneficial.

Some of the Bible characters we will journey with are Abraham and Sarah, Moses, Thomas, and Paul.

The class begins September 18 and runs five consecutive weeks. Each lesson stands alone so you can attend as you are able.

Leaders: Jeff and Julie Price
Room 6 at 6:00pm





All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.



Scottish Celebration To Be Held November 3

Our annual Heritage Sunday will offer new elements while retaining our traditional favorites. An exciting new liturgical element will be visits from costumed historical figures. Luther and Calvin are sure to appear. John Knox will be there. The characters will tell the story of the Presbyterian Church from beginning to today. In between each vignette will be placed appropriate hymns, choral pieces, a youth ensemble song, instrumental works, organ and piano, brass and more.

- ◆ Bagpipes
- ◆ Kirking of the Tartans
- ◆ Celtic Music
- ◆ Special Luncheon
- ◆ Kilts

Come join us in worshiping God as we celebrate with our unique Presbyterian voice.

Many Ways to Participate in Music Ministry

Wonderful things are happening in the music ministry of Trinity, and we would love for you to be a part of the excitement! At TPC we welcome your talents and will always find ways for you to share your love of music with others in meaningful ways. Choral, instrumental and ensemble opportunities are here for those willing and ready to serve God in song. Our primary focus is on the preparation of music that is shared during our Sunday morning worship services, as well as for special occasions during Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and other times of the year.

The Sanctuary (Worship) Choir meets on Wednesdays at 7:00pm. This choir for adults is a friendly group of all ages and from all walks of life, with a passion for singing all kinds of worship

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation. Psalm 95:1

music, including traditional, gospel, spirituals, classical, contemporary Christian, and others. If you have a “song in your heart” to share, please consider joining TPC’s musical family, where laughter and fellowship are as important as the music.

For those who play band or orchestral instruments, we have a place for you, too! Please join us on Sunday mornings to help with the hymn-singing in our worship services. No extra rehearsal is necessary since we meet on Sunday mornings to prepare for the services. For those who enjoy ringing handbells, watch for an announcement soon. We will begin rehearsals later in the fall!

The Music Ministry of Trinity is dedicated to fulfilling our mission to lead the congregation in joyful worship through music, and we want you to join with us at this exciting time! For more information, please contact David Glaze at 501-773-4547 or tpclmusic@gmail.com.



Give It A Try!

Not sure if you're ready to sing in the choir "forever and ever, and ever, Amen!?" Then let me suggest that you come sing with us through Christmas. I guarantee that you'll love it! On December 15, our Sanctuary Choir and guest orchestral players will present Michael W. Smith's beautiful musical, *Agnus Dei — Lamb of God — Born to Us*. We would love for you to be a part of this incredible service.

If you've ever thought that singing in a choir is something you'd like to try, well now is the time! If you have questions or even the tiniest of concerns, please give me a call so that I can put your mind at ease. Just give it a try—no contracts to sign!!

David Glaze, Director of Music Ministries
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Introducing Our Choir Members

By David Glaze, Director of Music Ministries

Our Trinity Pres Sanctuary Choir is one of the hardest working groups in our church! They are here, faithfully, every Wednesday and Sunday to assist in leading worship. While they have a wonderful time rehearsing weekly, they do realize that what they do is a true calling—to sing God’s praises and of course, to deliver the good news of Jesus Christ through song.

In every newsletter, we would like to lift up two or three members of the choir so that you might get to know them a little better. This time we are featuring charter members Mick and Mary Louise Wilson, who have been members of the choir since Trinity was established; and, we also want you to know Judy Allison, who is one of our newest choir members. They were asked to share some of their thoughts.

Mick and Mary Louise Wilson

On a spring night in 1984, twelve people gathered to discuss organizing what is now Trinity. One of the first “revelations” that evening was that our common love of music was to be a powerful bond. Of the twelve people there, six of us called ourselves “the choir!” Two basses, one soprano, one tenor, and two altos!

For years we met each Wednesday night at the home of the minster, Ray Gearing (bass) and wife Ruth (soprano) for practice, camaraderie and Ruth’s delicious desserts!

Throughout these 35 years, the many organists, choir directors and choir members that have passed through Trinity—and our lives—have brought enough love, laughter and memories to fill a book. We could tell many a funny tale! One, in particular, took place when the church was meeting in the bar of the Governor’s Inn Hotel. As we shared the space with the bartenders, it was a common occurrence to hear the clanking of glasses and the whir of blenders during worship! But on that Sunday, as we were singing the anthem, amidst the din of blenders, the organ abruptly quit. Lecil Gibson, the organist-choir director, going with the flow, just threw up his hands and hummed the pitch! It was *a cappella* from there on.

To say that the Trinity Choir has a long, storied history is an understatement! It is a wonderful part of what makes Trinity the place that it’s become. We feel honored to have been and continue to be a part of this journey.

Judy Allison

I am a retired Oncology Nurse with a Bachelor’s and Master’s Degree in Nursing from UAMS. I am married to my husband Frank and have three grown children: Scot, Katy and Kelly. Like most parents, I am very proud of them! The current four-legged love of my life is Gracie, a CARE Paws In Prison Graduate rescue dog.

You have all heard the old saying “That is music to my ears” in response to something positive or receiving good news in one’s life. Well, the Trinity Church Choir has always been “music to my ears...to my heart...and to my soul!”

Music is worship, music is praise and music is prayer in my life. I was raised in a Presbyterian church in southwest Arkansas where our music leader made each member of our small choir feel like we could sing like the angels! When an invitation came out in the Trinity Newsletter from David Glaze to come sing with the choir, I fondly remembered the old days of singing. I walked into the Choir Room and announced, “I’m not solo quality!” David laughed and said, “There is always room for backup singers!” Now, every Wednesday and Sunday I make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Music selections range from heartfelt soaring hallelujahs to toe-tapping spirituals and I love them all. I have heard from several choir members, “This is something I do for myself,” and now I know what they meant. We share joys and concerns, have a devotional and prayer, then we praise the Lord in song and sing our troubles away, if only for a while. I leave practice and worship with a melody on my mind, a song in my heart, a pep in my step, and a nourished and replenished spirit!

Baby Shower
For
Anne and
Jared Brown

