



TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Welcome to Trinity!

We are thankful for your interest in Trinity Baptist Church. Enclosed in this packet is information regarding our beliefs, membership expectations, and ways for you to be involved as we seek the Lord's guidance as a church. We will be praying for you as you prayerfully consider taking the next step in membership at Trinity!

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What is the Church?

The "Church" (capital "C") is the worldwide collective of Christ-followers. If you are a Christ-follower, you are already a member of the "Church" with a capital "C." This is different from the local "church," which is a local fellowship of Christ-followers. (see Revelation 7:9-10)

Pastor Robby defines the local church (lowercase "c") as, "a local gathering of Christians who preach, worship, and fellowship while professing faith in Jesus Christ, celebrating believer's baptism, and remembering Christ's sacrifice through communion."

The word "church" in the New Testament is *ekklesia*, or "the ones called out." Christians are different from those of the world. We are called by Christ to be visible in the local congregations that are a part of the universal body of Christ. Christ is the foundation of the church (1 Cor. 3:11) and those in the church are to follow His Word and work (Matt. 28:18-20).

History of Trinity Baptist Church

We have a love for the community of Farmersville and the surrounding areas. We have a heart for studying God's Word. Our goal is that our church and its members grow in their faith, yearn to reach the community with Jesus, and see the lost come to faith in Christ.

The genesis of Trinity Baptist Church began in 1958 when three churches came together to form one church. And just like the Trinity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; the churches came together to form one church. Those three churches were Prairie Grove Baptist, Midway Baptist, and Brushy Creek Baptist. The decline in population in the farmland surrounding Farmersville and a desire to serve the community of Farmersville, led the three churches to form one church on the property where we are today. The next year, in 1959, a tornado destroyed a church that was located just south of Farmersville, New Mesquite Baptist Church, and many of their members decided to join Trinity as well.

In many ways, Trinity echo's the nature of the city in which it serves. We have a history of being hard working, loving towards the community, and loyal to each other. Like many of the families in our community, Trinity has experienced seasons of great difficulty in her sixty-six years of existence. Our current season is one of unity, peace, and reliance on God for provision. We serve a God that holds our future, and we can see that God is at work in our midst. You can be a part of what He is doing too! We are thankful for the history of Trinity and those who have come before us, and we look forward to making history for others to look upon and give testimony of the things He has done.

Introductions

We would like to know more about you. If you are comfortable doing so, we will go around the room and share ...

1. Your name.
2. A little about your family.
3. Where you work or if you are retired.
4. Where you were raised.
5. If you have served in the military or attended college. If so, what branch or what college?
6. What hobbies you enjoy.

Church Leadership Information:

Robby Magee

Senior Pastor, Youth Leader

Wife's Name: Sarah

Children: Abby and Ben

How long have you been at Trinity? 2022

Email Address: pastorobby@gmail.com

Hobbies: Avid Outdoorsman, Carpentry, Welding, Golf, Coaching Sports

William (Bejai) Ballew

Deacon

Wife's Name: Nicki

How long have you been at Trinity? 2016

Email Address: bejai1982@gmail.com

Hobbies: Fishing, Hunting, Sports

Daniel Clark

Worship Leader, Deacon

Wife's Name: Mandy

How long have you been at Trinity? 2016

Email Address: cdanielclark@hotmail.com

Hobbies: Fishing, Hunting, BBQ'ing, Music

Ronnie Duer

Leadership Position, Deacon

Wife's Name: Cindy

How long have you been at Trinity? 1983

Email Address: rduer2562@yahoo.com

Hobbies: Construction, Gardening, Wood Carving/Whittling

Mike Howell

Leadership Position, Deacon

Wife's Name: Darla

How long have you been at Trinity? 1995

Email Address: mdhowell@att.net

Hobbies: Hunting and Fishing

Buddy Purdue

Deacon Candidate

Wife's Name: Linda

How long have you been at Trinity?

Email Address:

Hobbies: Camping, Anything Outdoors, Woodworking, Reloading

Justin Wilson

Deacon Candidate

Wife's Name: Angela

How long have you been at Trinity?

Email Address:

Hobbies: Biking, Hiking, Working Out, Outdoors with the Family

Weekly Schedule:

Sunday:

9AM Sunday School

10AM Worship Service

6PM Small Group(s)

Wednesday:

6PM Prayer Gathering (meets in gym)

6PM Youth Service (meets in church Coffee Hall)

What We Believe

1. Creation: We believe God created the world in a literal creation. (Gen. 1-3)
2. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: We believe in the Godhead, comprised of the God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The Trinity is inseparable but distinct in three "persons." (1 Cor. 8:6, 2 Cor. 3:17, Col. 2:9, Jn 1:14, Jn 10:30)
3. Good and Evil: We believe God is the author of good. We believe the devil is the author of evil. (Is. 5:20, Rom. 12:21, Gen. 2:17, Prov. 3:7, Deut. 32:4, James 1:13)
4. Sin: We believe Eve and Adam chose to sin. By sinning, they introduced mankind to sinful nature. Sin separates man from a relationship with God and the wage of sin is death. (Gen. 2:17, 3:1-5, 3:6-7, 1 Cor. 15:22)
5. Hell: We believe hell is the eternal punishment for those who are not saved. (Mk. 9:43, Rev. 21:8, Mt 25:46)
6. Salvation: Due to sin, mankind is destined to a life of temptation and sin. (James 1:14-15) Jesus Christ was sent by God to be born of a virgin (Mt. 1:18-25), live among people just like us, and die for the sins of the world so that we may be saved (1 Jn. 2:1-2). We believe salvation is available to all who ask Christ for the forgiveness of their sin, and place their faith in Christ, making Him Lord of their life.
7. Resurrection: We believe Jesus Christ of Nazareth died a literal, physical death on the cross at the hands of murderers (Jn. 19:31-37). We believe he was raised to life by God the Father (Lk. 24:6-7), and eyewitnesses interacted with him before he ascended to Heaven (1 Cor. 15:3-8).
8. Rapture: We believe Jesus Christ is returning to be met by the physical bodies of those who have already perished and those who are alive and saved (Luke 21:25-28, Rev. 1:7).

- 9. Judgement:** We believe each person will face judgement upon their last earthly breath. We believe Jesus will allow entrance into heaven based on whether a person has placed their faith in Him. We believe Jesus will deny entrance into heaven based on a person's denial of Christ (Rev. 20:11-15).
- 10. Baptism:** We believe baptism is the public profession of faith by a Christian. We believe baptism is by immersion under water (Mt. 3:13-17). We believe Baptism is symbolic of the "old" person going underwater, and the "new" person rising from the water.
- 11. Communion:** We believe the Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of worship, remembering the blood of Christ through the juice partaken, and the flesh of Christ through the bread partaken (Mt. 26:26-29)
- 12. Discipleship:** We believe Christians are called to make disciples. In practice, this means building meaningful relationships with others so that they might grow in their relationship with Christ (Mt. 28:16-20, 2 Tim. 2:1-2).
- 13. Evangelism:** We believe Christians are to carry the story of Jesus to those who have yet to believe in Him (1 Pet. 3:15, Rom. 10:14-15).
- 14. Missions:** Missions is the complete mandate and calling of the global Church of Jesus Christ. Missions, in praxis, is the Gospel-driven transformation of society by the Church so that God is known, worshipped, and glorified (Mt. 28:16-20).
- 15. Pastoral Care:** We believe the position of Senior Pastor includes preaching, teaching, and caring for members of the local church. Caring includes protecting, counseling, listening, and ministering to the needs of individuals and families (1 Pet. 5:1-4, 2 Tim. 2:15, 2 Tim. 4:2, Eph. 4:11-12).
- 16. Deacons:** We believe the Pastor is unable to meet the needs of every member simultaneously. Scripture establishes the office of Deacon to help meet needs. Deacon ministry is vital in supporting our Senior Pastor in ministry duties. Our deacons minister to church members as an extension of our Pastor, in ways that multiply effectiveness. When a family is hurting, you can expect a deacon to be there for prayer and support. When life transition is taking place, you can expect a deacon to be there for support and encouragement. When a family is in need, you can expect a deacon to help gather resources (Acts 6:3, Philip. 1:1, 1 Tim. 3:8-13).

Membership Expectations

1. To be a part of Christ's Church (globally, capital "C"), and the local church, you must place your faith in Jesus Christ, and repent of your sin. Have you accepted Jesus Christ as Lord of your life and asked him to forgive you of your sin? If so, when did this occur?

2. To be a member of Trinity (local church, lowercase "c," we will ask if you have accepted Christ as Lord and Savior (#1 above), and if you have been baptized by immersion. Have you publicly professed faith in Jesus through baptism by immersion? If so, when did this occur? (More info on baptism in the section, "What We Believe")

3. We expect you to give of your time, talent, and treasure. Your time means you are involved in ministry opportunities at Trinity. Your talent means you are using God-given gifts while serving at Trinity. Your treasure means you are giving financially to support the Lord's work at Trinity. (1 Pet 4:10-11, Gal 5:13)

4. We expect you to worship in peace and unity. We ask members (and visitors) to practice love for their neighbor. When you disagree with someone and feel as though sharing your disagreement with others is important, please share it with the person you disagree with or do not share it at all. If the person you share it with does not treat you kindly when you share the information, let them know

they are not responding kindly. If the person does not respond kindly, take a deacon or church member with you to meet with the person. We will have disagreements and issues within Trinity. How we respond to those issues is vital to whether we can minister effectively to our community. (Matt 18:15-22, Col 3:12-13)

How Do I Join?

Trinity Baptist Church

New Member Information

Please Hand In

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Spouses Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Birth (spouse): _____

Marital Status: ☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Widow ☐ Widower ☐ Divorced ☐ Remarried

If you are married, what is your anniversary date? _____

If you have Children, please fill out the following:

Name: _____ Birthday: _____ Sex ☐ _____ Grade: _____

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When and where were you saved? _____

Have you been baptized by immersion? Yes or No

Are you currently a member of another church? _____

Are you leaving your former church in a peaceful and loving manner?

Where would you like to serve or what do you believe are your spiritual gifts? (Back of page shows many of the church service opportunities).

Possible Service Opportunities:

Place a check next to the area(s) you are gifted or interested in serving:

☐	Discipleship Partnership	☐	Bookkeeping
☐	Evangelism Training/Outings	☐	Website Maintenance
☐	Deacon Ministry	☐	Graphic Design
☐	Outreach	☐	Social Media
☐	Benevolence	☐	Sunday AM Kids
☐	Counseling	☐	Wednesday PM Kids
☐	City on a Hill Missions	☐	Sunday School Teacher
☐	Grounds Maintenance	☐	Substitute Sunday School Teacher
☐	Building Maintenance	☐	Nursery - Sunday School/Services
☐	Sanitation/Cleaning	☐	Women's Ministry Studies
☐	Usher	☐	Women's Ministry Events
☐	Greeter – Door or Parking Lot	☐	Men's Ministry Studies
☐	Hospitality Ministry	☐	Men's Ministry Events
☐	Worship Team	☐	Senior Adult Studies
☐	Band Member	☐	Senior Adult Events
☐	Sound Booth/Tech Team	☐	Other – see below

If you are called to serve in an area not listed, please list it below or speak with a deacon or the pastor about how you can use your gifts and talents at Trinity.

****All children's and youth service positions will have a background check prior to serving. If there is a negative entry on your background check, you are welcome to reach out to discuss.***