

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Becca Schranz	10/1	Paige Via	10/5
Daniel Dik	10/1	Louise Keathley	10/5
Marlin Brooks	10/1	Shelia Wright	10/6
Randi Heritage	10/1	Luanne Cox	10/8
Vicki Reed	10/2	Bailey Miller	10/10
Joshua Windsor	10/3	Alana Wesson	10/10
Andrew Copeland	10/4	Susan Casey	10/11
Craig Hamilton	10/4	Thomas Blumer	10/12
Jerry Keenum	10/4	Jan Griffin	10/12
Ken Smithart	10/4	Lydia Hyatt	10/12
Tristan Johnson	10/5	Kimberly Taylor	10/13
Georgia Gillock	10/5	Charlene Hammons	10/13
Vivian Murchison	10/5	Matthew Graham	10/14

MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

Recreation Cmt. Mtg., 8:30 am
 Sunday School, 9:15 am
 Worship/Deacon Ordination, 10:30 am
 Fingers of God Puppet Practice, 1:00 pm
 SNAC, 6:00 pm

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

Ladies' Bible Study, 9:30 am
 Prayer & Worship Mtg., 3:30 pm
 Youth Search Cmt. Mtg., 6:30 pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

Knitting Group, 10:00 am
 WOM Prayer Group, 10:00 am
 Ladies' Bible Study, 6:30 pm
 Zumba, 6:30 pm

- For a complete list of events, see the church calendar online at www.trinitybaptistchurch.org
- To listen to last Sunday's message go to our website under Resources/Sermon

Trinity Baptist Church Staff

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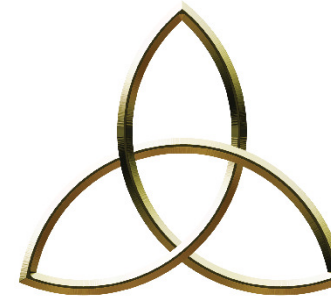
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THE TRIQUETRA

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Autumn is my favorite season of the year. It engages all five of my senses. I see the beautiful change of colors and feel the crisp clean air while smelling the burning of fallen leaves, sipping a

cup of hot cider, listening to the birds above heading south. What a season!

Joseph Rhea shares my enthusiasm for autumn. He writes:

The leaves of Indianapolis die richly. They turn through glory as they go: empyrean yellow, atonement red. A carnival of color over the streets. The blessing is sudden, a shock.

We know about chlorophyll: the science behind the magic. But behind the science, there's more magic. Why the gratuitous color? Why make dying so spectacular? In a world charged with the grandeur of God, this riotous change of scene can teach us. God puts on the mystery play of autumn and speaks:

1. Autumn wakes us up to wonder.

When spring regenerates the world, I notice the bright new green for maybe a week. I celebrate the leaves' birth, the world's fresh clothes. But by August, it's all just background. These delicate, intricate, innumerable fluttering treefingers are a green wash.

There's nothing wrong with the leaves. It's me: repetition inoculates me against wonder. Like G. K. Chesterton says, I don't have God's capacity to delight again and again at each new leaf. He keeps unfurling them—they even wave to get my attention!—but the eyes of my soul glaze over.

In autumn, the creativity of God hollers. Look at these things! These paper-thin solar cells that convert sunlight into acorns! They're everywhere, and they're made by a God who, as N. D. Wilson reminds us, doesn't know how to stop creating. Autumn reminds us that there's a world of wonder.

2. Autumn promises that there's glory after summer.

I'm young. My leaves are green, and I'm still spreading branches. Western culture is all about the glories of youth: strength, vitality, a body not weathered or weakened by time. We are a spring-and-summer people.

Spring and summer have their splendors. But autumn has a glory all its own. Autumn leaves are delicate, but their colors are so bright they almost shine. Summer's wardrobe of green is great, but it has nothing on the end-of-life beauty of the fall.

My parents' leaves are starting to change. Their color is silver rather than red, but the glory is the same. They may not have quite the same speed on the Frisbee field. But they have wisdom and grace and decades of joy that shine in their faces. They're taking on the beauty of autumn, showing dimensions of glory that my green summer-self doesn't display.

And my father's mother, my last grandparent still on this tree, is a golden sweetness.

3. Autumn reminds us that winter is coming.

The ruckus of autumn's glory gives way to the silence of winter.



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(Article continued from the Pastor's Desk)

Just in time for me to notice how many leaves there are and how beautiful each is, they're going. The colors fade, and the leaves fall.

Autumn reminds us that our leaves too will die. The curse we inherited from our father-tree Adam means we have our seasons and then we go. Winter takes us all.

This is worth stopping to consider. My chlorophyll will break down; my limbs will turn brittle; one of these breaths I now take casually will be my last.

And what, then, when my tether snaps from this mortal coil?

Autumn can draw our attention to the one man who broke through winter into an unending summer. The one who spent three days brown and dead in the dirt and came back in an indestructible green. The one who wasn't just a leaf; he was a whole new tree.

Winter comes to us all. But winter isn't the end for Christians, because our lives are joined to a tree that winter cannot touch. Death has no sting; winter has no bite. We will fall from the tree of Adam; but we will flower again in a spring of eternal, glorious growth.

Holding this truth gives us the hope to die beautifully.

Blessings,
Pastor Richard

2018 Budget Timeline



- Monday, October 9th – Budgets due to Finance Committee
- Tuesday, October 17th – Finance Committee Meets to review budgets
- Sunday, October 29th – Budget presented to Church Council
- Sunday, November 5th – Open discussion with Finance Committee after church
- Sunday, November 19th – Presented at Town Hall
- Sunday, December 3rd – Budget Vote/No Discussion

BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Basketball Registration is now open for boys and girls ages 4 to 17. Registration forms are available in the church office or at trinitybaptistchurch.org.



Interested in coaching/asst coaching? We need YOU! Contact Deron Wisdom at deronwisdom1@gmail.com.

2017 DEACON SELECTIONS

2017 Deacon Selections to be presented to Trinity Baptist Church as nominated by Trinity Baptist Church and approved by the Deacon Selection Committee

3 year term

Walter Crews, Frank Davison *, Jan Griffin *, Richard Holt *, Ray Johnson, Martha Lander *, Mike Morrison, Ben Todd *

2 year term

Charles Briggs, Rachel Roberts, Gaston(Scotty) Scott

1 year term

John Stedman

Those with an asterisk are slated to be ordained

DEACON ORDINATION

Sunday, October 1, 10:30 am

ELIZABETH RICHARDS' WOM GROUP

**Thursday, October 5, 6:30 pm
at the home of Nancy Wilson**

J.O.Y. MEETING

Next JOY meeting is Tuesday, October 10, at 10:30 am. Come hear our Trinity members and former foreign missionaries, Philip and Sandy Wilson inform us about Hospice Care since they work for Crossroads Hospice now. Our \$5.00 lunch is spaghetti and meatballs from Coletta's and a variety of pies, including key lime. No reservations needed, just come ready to have an enjoyable time.

ONE A MONTH

Please bring your items for Brinkley Heights and put them in the containers in the gym foyer and at the doors. We're collecting **CANNED BEANS** during October.



MOTHER'S DAY OUT

Mrs. Babette Wisdom
Mother's Day Out Director
Contact: bwisdom@trinitybaptistchurch.org

Mother's Day Out is still taking registration for new students. We have openings in our Toddler through Transition 4's classes. If you have questions or would like to schedule a tour, please contact Babette Wisdom, MDO Director at 759-0824.

Update From the Twig Cluster*

PROGRESS	GOALS	QUICK FACTS	TEAM
Acacia, Lilac, Yew, Yucca drafted Colossians, Philemon; team checked James. Acacia, Yucca worked on Mark, 1, 2, 3 John. Acacia dedicated Acts. Lilac consultant checked John. Yew, Yucca consultant checked Matthew 20-28. Wanchi worked on Genesis, Matthew, 1, 2 Thessalonians; published Acts. Branchu worked on Numbers, Joshua, Judges, Ezekiel, Daniel.	Phase 2: New Testament books in Acacia, Lilac, Wanchi, Yew and Yucca Old Testament books in Branchu, the "JESUS" film in Yew	Location: South Asia Number of Speakers: 720,000 in six people groups Expected Completion: 2019	More than 20 translators in six Twig languages: Acacia, Branchu, Lilac, Wanchi, Yew, Yucca

Transformation

"I am going to tell you my testimony," says Jibidur. Speaking with the Yew translation team, he begins: "I was a witch doctor, a prophet of the devil. I was part of a rich family. But slowly, one by one, my eight sons died. I continued doing witch doctor rituals, but I lost my wealth. I was in pain. I became a heavy drunkard. I was living as a madman. I lost my honor."

"One day," he continues, "I got a tract from a foreigner. It said 'Not to Fear' and things like, 'You evil spirit, witch doctors, evil magicians — go away in the name of Jesus Christ.' I wrote a letter to the address listed in the tract. They sent me more tracts and I believed in Jesus Christ through the correspondence."

"After that, my life slowly changed. My brothers and other villagers saw the changes and persecuted me for my faith, but I didn't care what they said about me or did to me. Today, there is a church in my village and those who once persecuted me are now leaders in the church. I am so happy to see Yew Bible translation happening."



Branchu people listen to recordings of God's Word in their heart language

For security reasons, pseudonyms have been used for the language name and names of individuals.

Go online for more updates. Join the conversation!
theseedcompany.org/projects/twig-cluster-2

Your Prayers Are Powerful

PRAY Lilac translator Burt is sick and left the team to recuperate. Ask God to completely heal Burt and to help the team keep the challenging translation pace while dealing with this enormous loss of talent.

PRAY The team distributes Scripture audio devices in Twig villages. Project manager Sabal prays, "May God's Spirit generate graceful fellowship as listeners hear His Word through the devices. May good works and blessings follow as they listen."

"YOUR WORD IS A LAMP TO GUIDE MY FEET AND A LIGHT FOR MY PATH."

— Psalm 119:105 (NLT)