

What's Happening?



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Trinity Hill
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From Your Pastor

A Neglected Holy Day: May 14, 2026 is Ascension Day, the day Jesus ascended into heaven after 40 days of resurrection appearances to His disciples. Churches have tended to lose sight of it, because 40 days after Easter (including Easter Sunday in the counting) is a Thursday, and so churches, if they celebrate it, use the Sunday after, the Sunday before Pentecost, which will be May 17 this year.

I got excited about Ascension Day maybe 15 years ago, not because I am particularly interested in the liturgical calendar, but because the date is clearly mentioned in Scripture (Matthew 28 and Acts 1 particularly) and because it is when Jesus gave the Great Commission. There has been something stirring in me for a couple years now, when I think that 2033 will be 2000 years since not just Jesus' death and resurrection, not just 2000 years since Pentecost, but also 2000 years since He gave the Great Commission. There's nothing particularly important about 2000 years in God's economy; we do not know when Jesus is returning, when the door will be shut, but 2000 years is a nice and tidy number.

In Matthew, Jesus says, "make disciples of all nations." And in Acts, He tells His disciples that they will be His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. It is a beautiful concentric circle. The inner circle is Jerusalem, the capital of your culture and way of life; next is Judea, your countrymen—you share language and lifestyles with them, you like them with a natural affinity. Then comes Samaria, a neighboring place but you don't get along with them, sometimes there's real hostility. Finally, the ends of the earth, a prophetic phrase for wherever God is not worshipped. That could be in a far-away land, but it could be across the street... or the dinner table.



My thinking about the Great Commission in light of the Ascension of Jesus has tended towards praying for and supporting evangelism and missions among what we call Unengaged Unreached People Groups. An Unreached People Group has less than 2% believers. An Unengaged Unreached People Group is one that has no known believers and no current missionary work. There are approximately 3000 such groups, comprising more than 200 million people. I have felt the Lord tugging on me, saying that this is the next place of missions support for my family to pursue.

We have some time to prepare our hearts and minds for Ascension Day. Here are some Scriptures to read and pray over:

[Matthew 28:16-20](#)

[Mark 16:14-18](#)

[Luke 24:44-51](#)

[John 20:19-23](#)

[Acts 1:4-11](#)

[Hebrews 4:14-16](#)

Will you join me in prayer for Unengaged Unreached People Groups?

In Christ,
Senior Pastor Aaron Mansfield

Come as You Are

One of the things I love about Trinity Hill is that we are serious about living by and carrying out the principles and commandments that are given to us in the Bible. We are set on taking the good news of the Gospel to unreached people to let them know that the love of Christ is for everyone.

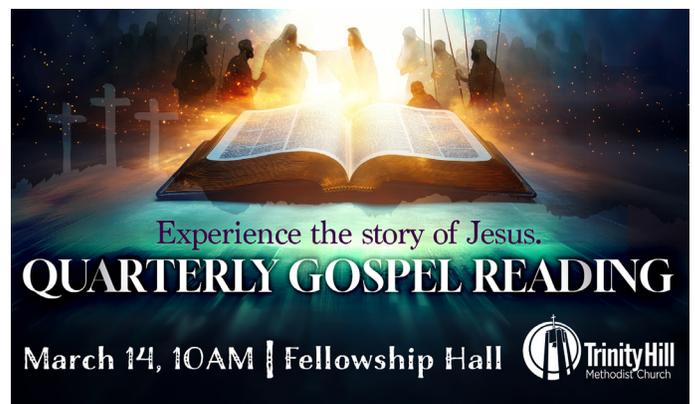
I often notice the diversity in our church, and how it is growing. Just in the last month we've seen new people show up at random (or so it seemed) and request to start serving immediately. Two weeks ago a woman came with her new baby, and the next week gave her life to Christ. The following week she dedicated her newborn to the Lord.

Because I was curious, I asked some of the new faces how they found Trinity Hill. Their responses were the same, "We googled it, and it was the first church that came up." While that might seem like a random perk of modern technology, I know that it is the Lord showing confirmation. Acts 2:26-27 "And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved."

As Christians we are called to love people where they are. But when the love of Christ is shown, there is no way that people can stay where they are. Old things are made brand new, and a new person is born, with the power and love of the Holy Spirit residing in them.

For more than 2,000 years our Lord Jesus has been restoring lives, breaking chains, setting people free, and yes, continuing to carry His Gospel message to people who have never received it, and it continues to this day.

In Jesus Mighty Name, Amen!
Josh Barker
Church Planting Intern



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Last week, our church did something that we have never done before... We had a celebration of Jesus called Winter Wake Up. It was a mini version of our Summer VBS and with it came many blessings!

When Sarah Terry first approached me with the idea, I was intrigued and more than willing to work beside her to make it happen, but I had concerns. Could we get the helpers that we would need... Would there be enough interest... Could our church financially support this new endeavor? I don't know why I worry; God is so faithful! He provides everything we need, so the answers to the above questions were yes, yes, and yes!

First of all, when you have a core team that includes Sarah Terry, Rachel Woodall, Jane Margaret Childress, Katie Ellis and Stephen Woodall, you know good things will happen. Starting with their first meeting, things came together.

We had so many volunteers that even when sickness, bad storms and life in general happened, we had more than enough adults to shepherd, work in the kitchen, register children, tell stories, lead crafts and music, and provide tech support! Our beloved youth chipped in wherever they were needed, and for me, I am always blessed watching as all the generations of our church come together to celebrate Jesus with our children and our community.

This first winter VBS, (and there will be more) was fun and sweet, and filled with Jesus. We even had one child that claimed Christ as her personal Savior. I know there were seeds planted and love given to every child that attended.

I was reminded every night that when God's people of every generation unite in love and obedience to Jesus, God blesses that action in amazing ways. I hope that all of you, as you read this, prayerfully consider using the gifts you have been given to advance the Kingdom. We have been given a mission by Jesus himself: "Go and make disciples." If you are unsure of how or where to use your gifts, or if you are not even sure what your gifts are, please come talk to me. I will help you in any way I can. My prayer is that every one of my brothers and sisters in Christ would know the pure and glorious joy of serving the Savior of the world.

Blessings,
PJ Danhires
Children's & Family Minister



The Ministry of the “Second Question”

A Message from Pastor
Michael Coston

As we continue to walk together in our **Vision Plan for Multiplication**, I’ve been reflecting on the dual nature of my role here at Trinity Hill. As your Pastor of Evangelism and Visitation, I see these two ministries not as separate tasks, but as two sides of the same coin: **Presence.**

Evangelism is Presence

In our community, evangelism often feels like a daunting word. But at its core, it is simply being present enough in someone’s life to notice their need for hope. As we often say, we are commissioned to go out and make disciples. This doesn’t always start with a sermon; it starts with a “second question.” When a neighbor or co-worker mentions they are “fine,” asking that second, deeper question—“How are you really doing?”—is often where the Holy Spirit begins His work.

Visitation is the Heart of the Church

Visitation is evangelism turned inward to our own family. Whether I am visiting a long-standing member in the hospital or a new face in our pews, the goal is the same: to ensure no one at Trinity Hill walks alone. It is through these visits that we demonstrate the “Service” and “Community” pillars of our vision, reminding one another that we are joined and held together in Christ’s love.

How You Can Partner with Me This Month:

- **Pray for our City:** Join us in our Unceasing Prayer Movement on the 2nd Saturday of each month as we lift up Lexington for revival and spiritual awakening.
- **Share Your “God Sightings”:** When you see God moving in your neighborhood or during a visit to a friend, tell someone! Your testimony is the most powerful tool for multiplication we have.
- **Join a Group:** If you aren’t already, get involved in a Sunday School class or home group. This is where we equip one another to go out and “be the hands and feet of Christ.”

The Great Commission isn’t a solo mission—it’s something we do together as a body. I am honored to serve alongside you as we witness boldly and love extravagantly.

Be a Blessing,
Michael Coston
Pastor of Evangelism and Visitation
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Participate in our monthly
24-Hour Prayer Vigil
for Lexington, Kentucky

Interested? Sign up in the narthex.
Contact Lonnie Watts or the
church office for details.

trinityhill.org/prayer



Our Savior comes out of the grave,
the chains break,
dry bones wake, and
the whole earth shakes.

In the name of Jesus Christ,
Death no longer has its hold on me.

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Join us **Easter Week, March 29 - April 5**

Easter Week

Palm Sunday | Mar 29
8:30 & 10:30am

Easter Egg Hunt | Apr 1
6:00pm

Good Friday | Apr 3
6:00pm

Easter Sunday | Apr 5
7:00am (Sunrise)
8:30 & 10:30am

Small Start, Big Impact

A Guest Message from

Rev. Dr. Steve Cordle

Do you realize that you have all that it takes to start a church? We might imagine that it takes a lot of money, advanced theological training, or a powerful personality. But that is not so. Acts 16 tells the story of how the Gospel came to Europe. The Holy Spirit directed the Apostle Paul to the town of Philippi, in Macedonia. There Paul and his team led a woman named Lydia to faith in Christ. As a result, she and her whole household were baptized. (The household included more than immediate family.) Later, Paul and Silas were unjustly jailed. God miraculously freed them, resulting in the conversion of the jailer. He and his whole household were also baptized.

Now there were two extended family groups in town who were followers of Jesus. Did they get together to worship? Almost assuredly. Those two groupings became the church at Philippi, which was the recipient of the great book of the Bible - the book of Philippians. You are able to do something similar, even if you are not freed from jail by an earthquake. You can start a small group that becomes two, or even three groups. Then you can gather them together for worship.

It will be important to keep the group you start focused on becoming disciples. One format that is structured for this is Discovery Bible Study, or "DBS." The DBS format is quite simple, so that almost anyone can lead it. That allows it to multiply easily. People with no faith or Bible background can participate in DBS the same way long-standing believers can.

DBS uses a series of questions which prompt people to hear from God through the scripture. It then asks participants to share what they will do to obey what God is showing them. The following week, it asks, "how did it go when you acted on what God said?" No matter where people are spiritually, this process moves people to follow Jesus as Lord, because hearing and responding to Jesus is the essence of disciple-

ship. DBS gives you a tool to use to help people encounter and respond to God.

If you start a church, you might make some disciples. If you begin with making disciples, you will always end up with a church. It may or may not end up looking like a traditional church, but it will be the family of God on the mission of God.

The River Network International offers an 8-week online practicum that walks you through the steps of starting and leading a DBS group. Right now, there is a Monday night cohort for Americans, Wednesday afternoon in French with West Africans, and Thursday evenings for Europeans. We will offer it again in April. For more information, see *Multiplying Disciples*.

If you have faith in Christ, a Bible, and a willingness to help others know Jesus better, you can start a church. You have what it takes, and The River Network is here to help you.

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Suggested Resource: *Contagious Disciple Making: Leading Others on a Journey of Discovery* by David Watson.

Article Submissions for Monthly Newsletter

Need to share something with our Trinity Hill church family in the next month?

Have a ministry or mission and you want to share moments or areas where God is working in your life?

Ready to connect and help us with our vision statement and mission to make disciples?

Contact Joshua Chamblee and submit your article via email to trinityhill@trinityhill.org before the middle of the month to review and include in our next edition!