

# What's Happening?



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**Trinity Hill**  
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## *From Your Pastor*

**Important!** The following is a written transcript from Pastor Aaron's newly added video!

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**Hi** Trinity Hill people. This is my first video newsletter article. I was pretty excited when Stephen Woodall told me we had that opportunity to do that, especially now that we're sending the newsletter out electronically. I think it might be a little more direct way of communicating with people.

Drew Jordan and I just recently returned from the Exponential conference down in Orlando, Florida. Now, that was March 16-19. The Exponential conference is a discipleship conference masquerading as a church planting conference. And I say that jokingly, meaning that there's a piece of proverbial wisdom in church planting that says, "If you start with a church, you might get disciples. But if you start by making disciples, you will always get a church." And so the way this conference focuses on church planting is to say, we've got to do the work of evangelism and discipleship. And so they bring together inspiring worship, the best speakers, the most informative breakout sessions, to teach and to model what it means to be an evangelistic disciple-making church planter.

And I hope that, that some of you will consider joining us at this conference in the future. I've been going for 15 years, and I've been able to see great changes in my own practice of ministry. I think a lot of fruit in my ministry has come out of what I've learned and what I've been exposed to. At this conference and really the ongoing

inspiration they give you through the year. I tell people it's 5,000 people who think the whole world's going to be baptized tomorrow. And that's a kind of infectious, optimistic energy. One of the goals of the conference has been for 16% of churches in the United States to reproduce themselves: That is to start a satellite campus of their church or perhaps launch a new freestanding church. Now, 16% of all the churches in the United States would be 56,000 new churches. And that 16% number wasn't really settled on arbitrarily. It's kind of part of what we call the diffusion of innovation. When 16% of people adopt something, it's no longer seen as fringe or unacceptable. And so the hope is that if 16% of churches have reproduced themselves that it kind of just takes root. And we kind of normalize the idea that churches are supposed to produce new churches.

So, be on the lookout in the coming months, there'll be another conference. It's a regional conference up around Chicago that some of us will go to. 15 of us went this past November. And I think we're already seeing the fruit of it in the life of Trinity Hill. I hope some more will go with us. I hope some of you will decide to go with us down to Orlando next year, because as kind of an example of the fruit of this work, they've had to add a second conference. So, they're going to do them back-to-back. And, I think what they're saying is they believe they can sell out 5,000 people two times and get 10,000 people together to learn and to be inspired and to encourage one another for the work of making disciples of Jesus Christ across this nation. So, keep your ears open and eyes open for any information about being able to go with us. We would love to take as many people as we could to be inspired. Thanks and God bless you all at Trinity Hill.

In Christ,  
Senior Pastor Aaron Mansfield

## Hallelujah, Trinity Hill!

**Jesus** came to set the captives free, and in the past few months we have seen the Spirit of the Lord move in a big way. Trinity Hill has provided the Hope Center with a large number of recovery guidebooks, known as the Fat Book, and the director of programs there is structuring their curriculum around the books we have provided. Please thank our Lord Jesus Christ, and David Hollingsworth for getting that movement started!

The Lord has impressed on my spirit that it is time to start organizing the plant team for 3D Christian Church. Pastor Aaron and I prayed and laid out calendar dates in which the plant team will meet, the first of which being April 13th, with a weekly meeting for a month, leading up to the first trial worship service. Are you feeling a call from the Lord to step out and spread the gospel? To glorify His Name? To help others find what has freely been given to you? Or maybe you are just available and curious about how planting a church works? Please contact me!

We have been in constant prayer for workers in the field, and so far, the Lord continues to add to that number daily. Kevin Reynolds is a new face around Trinity Hill, but has a call on his life to serve the Lord. We are praying that 3D will be able to be a church that is “planted pregnant,” with the next church planter already in place. Lord willing, Kevin will be that church planter.

All things to the glory of His name,  
Josh Barker  
Church Planting Intern

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## Dearest Family,

It is that time of year again... I am looking for volunteers for next year's programs. Please prayerfully consider allowing God to use you in Children's Ministry. I truly believe that there is no better way to use your gifts than to lead God's precious little ones closer to him. The truth of the matter is that they lead me closer to God every time I worship with them. When you spend time with these children you will learn to pray more earnestly and in a more heartfelt way than you have prayed before. Our children have taught me:

- How to believe blindly and to have faith in God's love.
- The joy of laughing in delight at all of the amazing things God has created.
- To follow and act fearlessly.
- To think about Scripture from a whole different angle.
- It is okay to make mistakes.
- To forgive and forget.

I have been allowed to see firsthand how God takes gifts and talents that we don't even understand and uses them to glorify His kingdom.

My beloved brothers and sisters, I am not asking for your help simply for the sake of our children. I am asking for your help because I love each and every one of you, and I want you to have the miracle of experiencing Christ through the eyes of a child. I know firsthand that you do not have to have any special skill set. God truly does equip the called, even those that come with hesitation.

I have recently learned that if a child does not accept Christ as their Savior by the time they are fourteen,

there is only about a ten percent chance that they will ever accept Christ. Those figures light a fire in my heart that every child might hear the word of God and know the love of Jesus.

This year, we have a need for:

- 1 elementary Sunday school teacher
- 2 teachers/assistants on Wednesday nights
- 6-8 more people in the children's church area

Even if you can't do it all the time, perhaps you can partner with a friend and switch off every other month or week. We always need people who will substitute. We have wonderful teachers in our children's ministry, and many are staying on with us, but some feel the call to do other ministries or perhaps start a Bible study themselves. They have blessed our children so greatly and we are so thankful for all of their service. Please consider stepping in to fill these vacancies. You will be so blessed.

Blessings,  
PJ Danhires  
Children's & Family Minister



**One** of my greatest joys in working in youth ministry is having the opportunity to watch the youth of our church grow in their faith in and relationship with God. Of course, in this growth, there can often be frustration. With the wide range of age and maturity in our groups, it can be a struggle to ensure that our more mature youth are challenged in their faith, without losing the less mature. Further, there is always the possibility that an innocent question will derail a conversation.

In these moments of frustration, it can be tempting to throw up my hands and give up, but as I have reflected on some of these moments, I have instead found encouragement. Several of the older youth have often stepped up in these times to help explain

the lessons for the younger youth, and keep our discussions focused. Even in the continuous questioning of why Paul or Solomon could not just write plainly what they meant in their writings, I have found hope that these questions do not come from a lack of desire to understand, but because they have the desire to understand.

There is a common saying within youth ministry circles: “The youth are not just the future of the Church, they are the present of the Church, too.” This is why I get excited when they ask and answer questions, when we do events like Youth Sunday (which is coming up on May 31st), and when members of the youth praise team join the worship team on Sunday mornings to help lead worship. As members of the Church now, I believe one of the greatest gifts the youth bring, among many others, is their willingness to ask questions. So often, as an adult, I have seen in myself and others the belief, whether conscious or not, that we should not ask questions anymore. In myself, at least, I think it comes from the belief that if I do not already understand something, I either don't need to understand or I must figure it out myself. It could even be that there is a perceived shame in needing to ask for help in understanding.

James 1:5 tells us: “If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.” If God does not find fault in us asking questions, seeking wisdom, and understanding, why should we? Moreover, when we find ourselves in the position of being asked, we should follow God's example and share generously the wisdom He has given us, and it's okay to admit you don't know.

God Bless,  
Jacob Herm  
Youth Minister

June 15-19  
\$350 Per Camper

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## Worship Ministry Update

# Trinity Hill,

It is such an honor for me to be able to help steward worship with you all! I have loved watching the Holy Spirit move in our times of worship these past couple of weeks. God has been blessing us and we will continue to give all glory to Him. Further, I am grateful to those of you who have been encouraging to the worship team. Your words mean a lot to us and we value your support!

As we look to the days and weeks ahead, I ask that we approach these events with a heart of worship. God rescued us from sin and death almost two thousand years ago. Then, as if that wasn't enough, He met us in our sin and depravity and brought us closer to Him. Every day is an opportunity for God to sanctify us so that we may become more like Him and more like His son, whom we serve.

Often during times of worship, I find myself thinking back to various moments in my testimony. I think about when I was bullied in middle school and how the healing process led me to Christ. I think about moments of worship in my youth group when the Spirit penetrated the room in an otherwise dying church. I think about the ways God has moved on the University of Kentucky's campus. I think about the massive worship nights and the tiny but powerful prayer nights. When I reflect on these moments of God's movement, my worship becomes real. No longer am I worried about a sound or a stage, but I'm pouring out gratitude to Him who has done far beyond what I could ask or imagine.

We all have moments when we have seen God move. Maybe you saw someone get miraculously healed. Maybe you felt the Lord speak to you or heard His voice audibly. Whatever your experience, I encourage you to reflect on those moments throughout this season in our times of worship. Those miracles would not have happened if God had not sent His son to Earth to suffer and die for a penalty none of us could pay. Is He not worthy of every song, every note, every my-throat-hurts-because-I-sang-with-everything-I-have moment?

My encouragement to you is this: God has done some incredible things in your life. In our moments of worship, reflect on the beauty of Easter and those times when God



stepped in. Pour out your gratitude to Him in song, prayer, or stillness. On the other hand, this may be a difficult season in your life. Maybe everyday feels like Good Friday with no resurrection in sight, and it is hard to even remember the good things. Then, in your worship, bring those thoughts of weariness before the Lord. He wants them as well, because He wants you. Let me pray for us:

*God in our times of worship, would you encounter us? Lord, many of us have celebrations, moments when we have seen you move, and God we are so grateful for you. Receive our worship as a thanks offering to you. Father, many of us are also bringing burdens to our worship. We find it difficult to lift our hands without thinking about that one situation. God, will you receive our worship as a sacrifice to you because that's all we have. We love you and we are so desperate for you. Jesus, will you meet us in our worship and in our circumstance. We bless you. Amen.*

Yours in Christ,  
Drew Jordan  
Trinity Hill Interim Worship Coordinator

## A Season for Spiritual Renewal

### A Message from Pastor Michael Coston

# Spring

is more than just a change in the weather; it is a natural metaphor for the resurrection and renewal we find in Christ. Just as the winter frost gives way to new life, the Gospel takes what was spiritually dormant and makes it vibrant again. This season, we are called to move beyond mere behavioral change and embrace the total transformation found in Ephesians 2:5.

Core Truths for the Season:

- From Death to Life: Reflect on the miracle of salvation.
- Faithfulness: Just as spring predictably arrives, God's sovereignty is our constant anchor (Psalm 145:14-16).
- Pruning for Purpose: Growth often requires letting go of old habits to make room for new fruit.

### The Story of the Single Seedling

In a small neighborhood garden, a single gardener once planted a row of sunflowers. By mid-summer, they were towering and bright. While others saw the flowers fading at season's end, the gardener saw thousands of seeds.

Instead of keeping them, she gave a handful to three neighbors. One planted them at a school, another in a park, and the third in her own yard. By the following spring, that original row had multiplied across the entire town.

At Trinity Hill Methodist, we are those gardeners. We don't just aim for addition (filling a seat); we aim for multiplication (equipping you to reach others). Whether through our Everyone is a Minister culture or our Multigenerational Mentorship in the "Growing Christians" group, we are planting seeds that will bloom for generations.

### Call to Action: Be the Seed

Growth is not a spectator sport! Take one of these three steps this month:

1. Identify Your "One": Pray for one person who needs hope and invite them to a Sunday service.
2. Join a Circle: True growth happens in community. Find a small group on: [trinityhill.org/ministries-fellowship/](http://trinityhill.org/ministries-fellowship/)
3. Mentor Another: Share your wisdom by joining the "Growing Christians" mentorship initiative.

I would like to share a small devotion with you.

### Devotion: The Miracle of the Harvest

Scripture:

*"For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building."* — 1 Corinthians 3:9

When we share our faith, we are participating in a miracle. We do the planting and the watering, but God brings the life. Don't worry about the size of the forest today—just be faithful with the seed currently in your hand.

Prayer:

*Heavenly Father, thank You for the renewal of spring. Help us to be Your faithful co-workers at Trinity Hill. Give us the courage to plant seeds of love and the faith to trust You for the increase. Amen.*

Blessings,

Michael Coston

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## Article Submissions for Monthly Newsletter

# Need

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

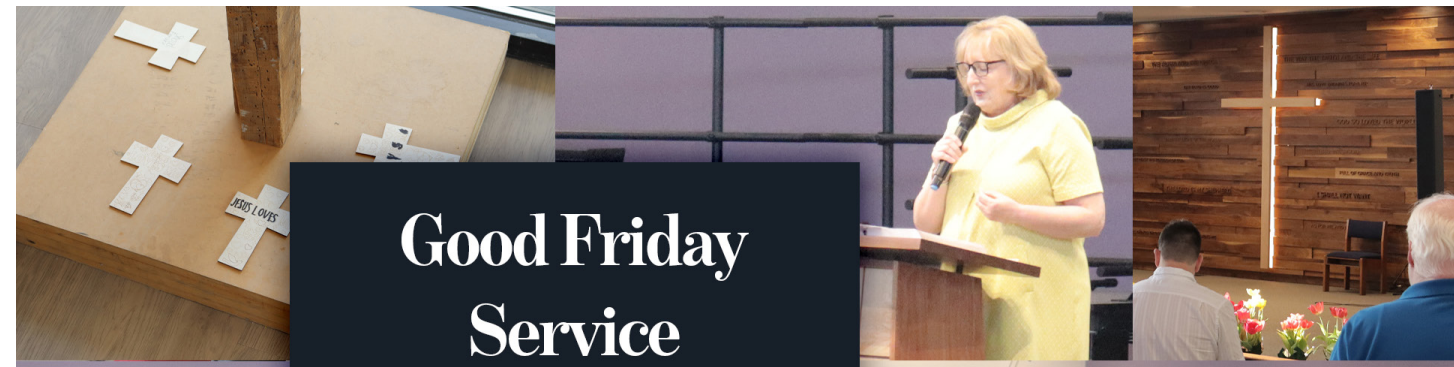
Contact Joshua Chamblee and submit your article via email to [trinityhill@trinityhill.org](mailto:trinityhill@trinityhill.org) before the middle of the month to review and include in our next edition!







# Trinity Hill Easter Egg Hunt



# Good Friday Service





# Easter Service and Baptism

