

What's Happening?



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From Your Pastor

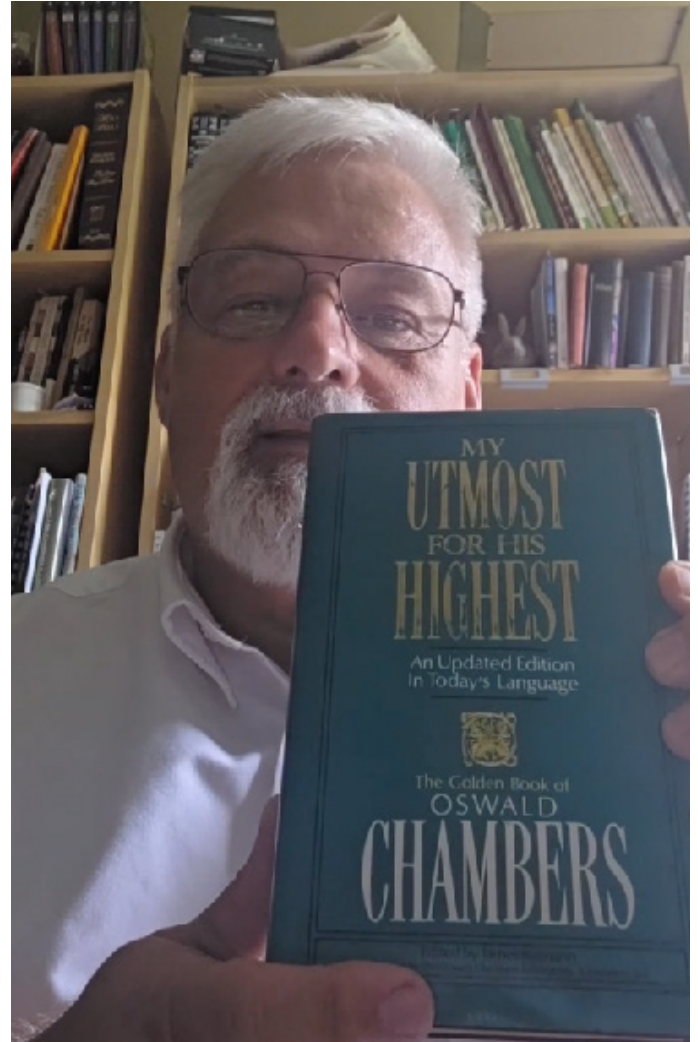
Important! The following is a written transcript from Pastor Aaron's newly added video!

View it on trinityhill.org or watch on Vimeo: vimeo.com/trinityhill/news-july-2026-pastor

Hi, everybody. I'm down here in my underground lair at the house. And, for this newsletter, I wanted to share with you some of my favorite devotional books. And I think you might say, "Well, wait a minute. Shouldn't we do that at the New Year? When are we starting over?" Yeah, maybe. For whatever reason, it seems like I've been digging into multiples of them this past couple of weeks, rather than just the one that I might have used during the year.

So, I just wanted to share some of my favorite devotionals with you. That way, maybe you do get ready for a new one in the new year. Or, perhaps you haven't been reading one, and you thought, "You know, I'd like to have some closer time with the Lord. And, maybe we need something for family devotions that we can share together." With that said, let me go ahead and start.

The first one, of course, is the classic, *My Utmost for His Highest*. This is Oswald Chambers, who worked, I believe, with the YMCA. He was part of the broader holiness movement. He died in Egypt during World War I. He was not fighting. He was a chaplain, I believe. This is really just one of the classics. This is the first devotional book I ever had when I was a brand-spanking-new Christian. A good friend of mine got me this book for my birthday. And I didn't know what a devotional book was. I didn't know what that was. I just opened it up and saw, oh, there's a reading for every day.



It really, really helped me out to stay close to the Lord in that regard.

The second one that I have is this one is called, *Hope for Each Day*. It's from Billy Graham. *Hope for Each Day* has a morning and an evening reading. This was something that, when my boys were particularly little, we would read before we went to school. And when we came back later in the evening. It's just, it's Billy Graham. It's good, solid, twice a day, keep your mind focused on the Lord, first thing, bring your thoughts of the day back to the Lord when you done.

There’s another book called Morning and Evening by Charles Spurgeon. That’s another good one with two readings, morning and evening. I don’t know where my copy is. I think I may have loaned it out to somebody. So if you have it, keep reading it. And when you’re done, you can get it back to me.

This one is interesting. Refreshment for the Soul. It’s from the writings of Richard Sibbes (Sibbes). Sibbes is an interesting figure in English Christian history. He’s kind of a transitional figure. He’s very close to the English Reformation with the formation of the Church of England. But he’s also kind of like some people consider him the first of the Puritans. Sibbes is just a wonderful commentator on Scripture. He’s got a deep knowledge, but a practical pastor’s heart. I would recommend that book as well.

Another one that I’m really digging and have had for a while, Take Time to be Holy. It’s a devotional that’s been compiled from the writings of Samuel Brengle. Brengle was an American Salvation Army officer. A very, very effective preacher, a very effective witness for the doctrine of holiness. It’s just really good, accessible readings. You can get this one from the Francis Asbury Society.

Full disclosure: I’m the Secretary on the board of the Francis Asbury Society. I know you hear me talk about them a lot. That’s because I think they have the foundational documents for a Methodist revival.

And then, finally, the one that I think has kind of become my favorite, This Day with the Master. Daily devotions from Dennis Kinlaw. Dennis Kinlaw was a powerful evangelist, seminary and college professor. He was the president of Asbury College at one point. He is the founder of the Francis Asbury Society. Any of his books is going to be really good. But this one. I don’t know. There’s something about it. He’s deep, and he’s winsome, and he’s straightforward. It just kind of ushers you into the presence of the Lord every day with something very practical.

So, I hope those are helpful to you. Maybe you’re thinking about a graduation gift. Somebody graduated from college or high school, and you want to send them a book. Maybe it’s for yourself. There’s no wrong time to start reading a devotional book, right? You don’t have to start on January one. You can start at any point.

In fact, some of these books, having gone through them, there are places that I’ve marked that, you know, I may read them again, whether it’s even that month, let alone that day. So I hope you guys are blessed in your spiritual reading. Remember that John Wesley wanted the Methodists to be a reading people, because a reading people would be a spiritually growing people. God bless you, and I will see you soon.

In Christ,
Senior Pastor Aaron Mansfield

Blessed by More Workers to the Field

²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, ²⁶to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Romans 3:23-26 NKJV

The Lord continues to bring more workers to the field who are willing to help and serve the mission of bridging the gap between our faith in Jesus Christ and the recovery community! I have been attending bi-weekly community Pastors’ meetings, where Pastors from Lexington and the surrounding area pray for one another’s churches, missions, and the Kingdom calling to spread the Gospel. The consensus among those Pastors is that the Lord is continuing to pour His Spirit out on all flesh and drawing all generations of people to Him.

On July 20th, we will have our first virtual meeting for the 3D plant team. It’s not a finalized list; only people who have specifically expressed interest in being a part of a new church plant.

During that meeting, we will discuss things such as:

- What excites you most about the mission of 3D Recovery Church?
- Are there any ideas or questions you’d like to bring to the discussion?
- In what ways do you feel called to support or serve in this season?
- What are some specific needs you see in our community related to recovery (any trauma or hardship), healing, or discipleship?

In Jesus’ Mighty Name! Amen!
Josh Barker
Church Planting Intern / 3D Christian Church

Worship Ministry Update

At the time of my writing this, we have just enjoyed listening to Zack Watkins play “Be Thou My Vision” at our services this past Sunday. Our youth group, Encounter’s youth group, and our 4th and 5th grade club led a nursing home in worship. We had another sign-up for special music (more on that below). Y’all, the worship culture at Trinity Hill is alive and well. Many thanks to all who have been a part of worship ministry these past few weeks and months!

Worship ministry is such a beautiful aspect of any church. Don’t you love God more because he gave us music as a form of worshipping Him? When I first began leading worship for my youth group many years ago, I really had no idea what I was doing. I was worshiping as a lukewarm believer who needed to discover the God he was singing about. God, in his grace, grew our youth group and built a culture that felt like a family. In my soul, there was a renewing and a deepening love for God beginning to form.

I’ve been thinking about how the worship-filled life is spiritually formative. To define my terms, spiritually formative means a process by which God does his renewing work. Worship is the life that is oriented towards loving and serving God as a reflection of what Jesus did on the cross. It encompasses more than music, though music can be an integral part. The worshipful life is the life that, by action, serves the Lord. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 10:31, saying:

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

Now the context of this passage is that Paul is explaining to the Corinthian church whether eating meat without knowing the source was a matter of conscience. I would encourage you to read the passage to understand the full context. In this verse though, Paul explains that any action can be worship, as long as it is done to the glory of God. In my story, worship looked like leading songs at youth group. But worship for me was also leading my friends well and being a role model for them. For you, worship may look like doing your job to the best of your ability, mowing lawns really well, or being a great parent to your kids. Tish Harrison Warren’s book Liturgy of the Ordinary is an excellent read for those who are interested in how mundane experiences are worship and can be spiritually formative.

The other key part of worship is that it is one of the ways God chooses to form us. Paul writes in Romans 12:1-2, saying:

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

The words “offer your bodies” evoke images of manual labor, sacrifice, and sweat. Worship is clearly more than singing songs. Worship is work for the kingdom of God to the glory of God. So, if you love to build porches, build porches to the glory of God. If you like to make homemade pizza, make homemade pizza to the glory of God (and invite me over). If your gift is music, then make music to the glory of God (and sign up for special music). Then you will be able to recognize God’s will over your life as you are shaped more and more into His likeness.

My goal with this particular letter is simply to encourage you to reframe your work as worship. For many, this is the eighth billionth message you have heard on this, but for me, this is still revolutionary. In whatever you do,

do it as an act of worship and let the Lord renew your mind through your worship.

God, let our work be part of our worship and let it be pleasing to you. We ask you to bless us by renewing our minds and letting us grow deeper in relationship with you through our work. We love you and praise you. Amen.

See ya Sunday,
Drew Jordan
Worship Coordinator

P.S. Signups for special music are available in the Breeze-way and on the QR code in your bulletin. If you have music gifts, it's time to use 'em.

P.P.S If you play an instrument, sing, or have tech skills and you're interested in helping out with our services, please email me at andrewjordan2024@gmail.com. We are looking for more volunteers to grow our team!

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 before the middle of the month to review and include in our next edition!



Red Bird Mission
Requesting School Supplies
& Toiletries (Kleenex, wipes)

Please bring donations by
Sunday, August 2



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Dear

Family,

As we prepare for another amazing VBS at the end of the month, we focus on our schedule for the upcoming 2026-2027 school year. If you know of any children wishing to participate with our ministry events, please let them (and their parents) know about us and have them reach out to me! We are blessed to be able to provide a fun and exciting space here at Trinity Hill.

Blessings,
PJ Danhires
Children's & Family Minister

2026-2027 Children's Schedule

August	
19th	Wednesday Night Kick-Off - Dinner at 6:00 p.m., - Bible Classes at 6:30 p.m.
30th	4th & 5th Grade Club begins
September	
30th	Fall Break (No Wednesday Night Classes)
October	
16th	Friday Fun Night
28th	Trunk-or-Treat
November	
11th	Christmas Play Practice Begins
25th	Thanksgiving Break (No Wednesday Night Classes)

December	
6th	Family Christmas Caroling at Bluegrass Rehabilitation (2:00 p.m.)
13th	Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal (2:00-5:00 p.m.)
16th	Children's Christmas Play - Dinner at 6:00 p.m., - Play Starts 6:45 p.m.

December 21st to January 4th
Winter Break (No Wednesday Night Classes)

January	
6th	Wednesday Night Classes resume
29th	Elementary Lock-In
February	
10th	Ash Wednesday Service (No Wednesday Night Classes)
11th – 13th	Winter Wake Up VBS (Tentative)
March	
17th	Easter Egg Hunt
26th	Good Friday Service
28th	Easter Sunday
April	
5th – 12th	Spring Break (No Wednesday Night Classes)
26th	Family Hike
May	
19th	End of Year Cook-out
June	
TBA	
July	
26th – 30th	Vacation Bible School

2026-2027 4th &5th Grade Club

August	
30th	5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Kick-Off with Southland Bowling (meet at church)

September	
13th	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
20th	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
October	
11th	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
25th	Boyd's Orchards
28th	Trunk-or-Treat (all ages)
November	
8th	6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Service Project
22nd	6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Meal
December	
6th	2:00 p.m. Family Christmas Caroling at Bluegrass Rehabilitation
January	
10th	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
17th	Gattitown
February	
7th	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
21st	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
March	
7th	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
21st	6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Movie Night
April	
18th	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
25th	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
May	
16th	5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Jesus Golf and Wendy's

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Spring into action and connect with us today!

trinityhill.org/connect
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Lexington KY, 40517





VBS SONSHINE
GOD'S LOVE IS OUT OF THIS WORLD

PRE-K through 5th Grade
July 27-31
each night 6-8:30p.m.
trinityhill.org/vbs



Register today!




Please help fill for July.
See Josh McKay with JOY class for info.



Non-perishable foods only please.
Extra items can be stored in the
kitchen pantry near Fellowship Hall
marked "Blessing Box Surplus".

