

What's Happening?



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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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Hey, good morning, Trinity Hill people.

I'm down here at beautiful Saint George Island. You can hear the waves on the seashore next to me. And behind me, you can see the beautiful sunrise coming up. I'm getting to do something here that normally happens on the deck at my house. Wake up first thing in the morning, a cup of coffee in hand, and say, "He is Lord". And there's nothing better than starting the day with praise of the great is his faithfulness. And new are his mercies every morning.

Now, by the time you get this video newsletter, some of you will be able to say, wow, he really does exist. He really does preach here. Because this summer I have not had the normal time in the pulpit that I usually might, not just over the summer, but over a certain span of time, I knew that I was going to be sharing some time with, with Michael, preaching on the book Christ for All. But then at the same time, didn't realize that Luther O'Connor and Bill Kirsch would be available to preach their chapters in the book, and I knew I'd wanted to give Carol Gullit a chance to share from her heart. And I'm very thankful that Lonnie and Jerry have preached during this time of vacation. And so what I hope is that the time that I've had away from preaching has been a fruitful time, and that will be shown up over the next six months, because this summer I have had time for what the greatest Methodist preacher of the twentieth century, W. E. Sangster, used to call the hard, flinty thinking that is necessary for preaching.



And so, where we're going to be going over the next six months or so is that when I come back to you, we'll be looking at the lost things in Luke Chapter 15. And then we're headed into Stewardship. Our theme this year is going to be Commit to More. Yes, commit to more giving. Uh, but the mystery of stewardship is bigger than our financial giving. It's, it's the giving of ourselves and our time for prayer, our commitment to worship, to service, and to evangelism. And so, in the same way that Michael and I were training us for evangelism. We hope to continue to train you for worship, for service, and definitely for prayer.

And then before you know it, it'll be into Advent, the Christmas season, and we're going to be looking at how Christ fulfills the Song of Solomon. It's not just a longing that we have for God, but the longing that God has for us, culminating in the incarnation, the life and the sacrificial death, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. And then in the New Year, we will look at how Christ fulfills the Book of Proverbs. And then as we're headed into Easter, I know it sounds like that's so far away, but there we will be.

That will be our time of training and building our capacity in prayer. I look forward to seeing you all through the next season. God bless you. And thank you for your support of my ministry, for taking care of my family, and for allowing me to preach the Word of God in Jesus' name. Love you all.

In Christ,
Senior Pastor Aaron Mansfield

3D Church Plant Update

11 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.

Revelation 2:11 ESV

Jesus said, “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches” seven times in the book of revelation. Why would Jesus say this over and over? Is it important to be praying and following Jesus closely to hear what the Holy Spirit says to the churches in these last days? I think so!

3D has now had two plant-team/leadership meetings. The last one was done in person at the fellowship hall at Trinity Hill. We are now on a rotating bi-weekly meeting schedule with one in-person meeting per month.

Georgia Danhires opened us up with worship music, and the Holy Spirit fell on the small group and activated revelation and gratitude. We read scripture out of Acts 16, then jumped into many discussions about laying the foundation of the church. One of those topics was to begin praying for discernment to inquire about, and possibly join, a recovery church movement in assisting us with the church plant.

Caleb Riggs and I had a meeting with Rick S who wrote the Fatbook. The Fatbook is a piece of literature that illustrates how AA’s authors, Bill W and Dr. Bob, used biblical principles to create the 12-step system. No human power can relieve someone of their addiction or alcoholism. The shortcomings of the afflicted person come from a God-shaped hole in their soul. And only a relationship with the Lord can fill a God-shaped hole!

Please continue to pray for all the 3D members as we follow Jesus closely and continue to chase His will for the foundation of the church.

In Jesus’ Name,
Josh Barker
Church Planting Intern / 3D Christian Church



The Unexpected Ambassador
Have you ever looked back at your life and realized God completely hijacked your plans—in the best way possible? That is exactly what happened to me. When I was first called to Trinity Hill Methodist Church to serve as the Evangelism Pastor, I honestly didn’t see it coming. I didn’t have a grand, multi-year plan to step into this specific role. Instead, God was working quietly behind the scenes, orchestrating the steps of my life and preparing my heart without me even knowing it. It was a blind calling, but the very moment I stepped onto the campus and into the rhythm of the ministry, everything clicked. I absolutely fell in love with the work. There is truly nothing better than sitting down with people, listening to their stories, and having open, honest conversations about their faith and the good news of Jesus.

I remember standing before you all at the very beginning of our sermon series on evangelism, feeling the weight and the privilege of this call. As I preached those opening messages, I was simply pouring out exactly what God had given me and what He keeps giving me day after day: “the strength to tell HIS story.” It isn’t about my own ability or eloquence; it is about His sustained strength pouring through a willing vessel. That same spirit carried over into the classroom when Aaron and I launched our Wednesday night evangelism classes. Going into it, you never quite know how people will respond to the topic of evangelism; it can sometimes make people nervous. But I was so incredibly impressed and moved by the sheer number of folks who showed up week after week. They weren’t just occupying seats; they were

completely eager, engaged, and hungry to learn how to become better at witnessing and sharing their faith with confidence.

Seeing that kind of hunger in our church family really meant the world to me. Honestly, I think I learned just as much as those in attendance did during the evangelism study nights. It helped me to express to others that evangelism isn’t a one-size-fits-all formula; it is a rich, dynamic way of connecting with people exactly where they are.

That classroom experience beautifully illustrated the most rewarding part of this entire ministry: when we talk openly about our faith, it sparks a holy chain reaction. As our members caught the vision, they started shedding their hesitation, opening up, and sharing their own testimonies. They became real, active witnesses to the people in their everyday lives. Watching our church family step up and embrace this lifestyle has actually helped me understand and validate my own calling to Trinity Hill. Your growth confirmed why God put me here.

It all points directly back to the powerful truth found in 2 Corinthians 5:20, where the Apostle Paul writes, “We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.” Think about that responsibility. An ambassador doesn’t represent themselves; they represent the country and the King who sent them. When you share your faith—whether it’s across a coffee table, in a Wednesday night class, or with a neighbor—you are literally acting as Christ’s diplomat to the world. Because of that, my deepest prayer is that each one of you steps up to share, testify, and even preach and proclaim what God has done for you and your life. You don’t need a formal title, a theology degree, or a pastoral collar to do this. You need a willing heart. Step up and be bold!

As Christ’s ambassador, who is God calling you to reach out to this week?

By His Grace Alone, Be a Blessing,
Michael Coston
Associate Pastor, Evangelism and Visitation

Youth Ministry Update

Looking back on the summer season, I am excited to report great success with our Summer Serve Days. Over the course of 5 weeks, we partnered with the youth group from Encounter Church in Richmond to do several service projects in our communities. These included prayer tents at Trinity Hill, helping Encounter set up a new outreach, volunteering with God’s Pantry in Richmond, visiting the residents at Bluegrass Nursing Home, and volunteering with Lex Rescue Mission. It was a great time seeing our youth and 4-5th graders serving our community, and even more so serving with and forming friendships with the crew from Encounter. I am eagerly looking forward to more opportunities to partner with Encounter and continuing to find ways we can serve our community.

This fall season is going to be very exciting. In part, because it means the days will become cooler and the beautiful colors of fall will return, but more importantly, we are resuming Wednesday and Sunday evening youth meetings. At the time of writing this, Wednesday evening classes have just resumed, and Sunday evening Kickoff is coming soon. In planning for the lessons for this fall, I have felt a conviction to dive deeper into the topic of the Kingdom of God, specifically seeking to understand what the Kingdom is and how God is using and leading His Kingdom in our world today.

Special Youth Events and Fall Schedule

9/30	Fall Break (No Wed Night Classes)
10/4	NERF Night
11/1	Karaoke Night
11/13 - 15	Fall Retreat
11/22	Family Dinner
11/25	No Wed Night class
11/29	No Sun Night Youth

12/20 Youth Christmas Party

Blessings,
Jacob Herm
Youth Ministries

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Dear Family,

Another wonderful VBS has come and gone. As I sit at my desk reflecting, I realize how much I have to be thankful for, and how many people I have to be thankful for. It truly does take a village!

I am thankful to serve a loving God who is all-powerful, merciful, and sovereign. His provision has no equal and His blessings have been abundant. I am grateful for all that He provided so that VBS could happen. There are a lot of unseen heroes at VBS, and I want to thank them all! These are the people behind the scenes that work tirelessly so that our church is decorated, children are fed, and check in and out can proceed safely.

I am grateful for my sweet husband who not only works his own job but stands beside me every step of the way, no matter how much there is to do or how long it takes. He is my hero. The week of VBS he and his fabulous kitchen crew served over 1000 meals. They do it with joy and grace, humor and love.

Then there are the Woodalls, who spend countless hours before VBS making sure all the systems are set up and

organized, and who lead a team of people at the most chaotic time of VBS. (That would be check in and check out). The registration and medical teams are the first faces our VBS kiddos see as they come in the door. They are responsible for documenting every food allergy and medical condition that some children have, and making sure that our kids get to the right groups safely. They are the people that answer parent questions, relay pertinent information to me, and set the tone for each and every day. Thanks to all of you for your service to our Lord Jesus Christ.

I want to say a very special thanks to everyone that showed up to help decorate. The kids always enjoy the decorations, and it makes the week so special to be immersed in our VBS theme. I always love watching our children show up to help decorate! They have a servant's heart, each and every one of them.

To the folks that run sound and video, thank you, thank you, thank you! You are quiet heroes, who keep the music and the lessons flowing. Mike Ellis, all of us thoroughly loved watching you, Susan Harmon, and Coral Heater dancing with the kids every night!

Which brings me to all the people that led classes. Our lessons were taught by the Costons and all of the kids learned more about Jesus with each lesson. The folks that led music were super, and it's no easy feat to jump, leap and bend for 2 hours every night, but you guys outdid yourselves. What a blessing to watch our youth leading in both preschool and elementary ages.

The folks that led games did an incredible job, in incredible heat. When I stepped outside, I saw children laughing and playing, and loving being together. We had more of our youth helping in that area, so again, what a special blessing! A special shout out to Hayes and Stephen for keeping children in the game area hydrated and popsicled!

To the people that headed up crafts, you are the best. The children seemed to love the crafts and you guys have a special way of leading them to Jesus through art. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Mattea Van Zee, you outdid yourself with this year's VBS curriculum. Well done! For those of you that

don't know this, Mattea writes our summer VBS every year, always aiming to bring children closer to Jesus. I think she and her husband Ted, and their beautiful boys, have celebrated Mattea's birthday and every wedding anniversary for at least the last 5 years while preparing for, or working Vacation Bible School. Thank you for your love and sacrifice. To say you are loved and appreciated is an understatement.

Vacation Bible school would not be possible were it not for the people willing to be shepherds. These are the people that lead the children to their classes, listen to them, dance with them, laugh with them, and love them. I could see the way these kids responded to you guys, and I am so very grateful to you for your willingness to be childlike, enthusiastic, and show the love of Jesus to our community.



As I approach the end of my list (I hope I did not forget anyone), I want to thank our safety team. These men and women show up to all of our children's events. They patrol the premises, control the masses, and help keep all of us safe. You take such a burden off of the committee's shoulders and we are most appreciative.

Speaking of our VBS committee, which begins early in the year and has already started planning for next year, thank you to Sarah Terry, Jane Margaret Childress, Rachel and Stephen Woodall, Katie Ellis, and of course, Mattea. Your dedication and hard work are so very, very appreciated.

As you can see, it takes a lot of people to make VBS happen. It actually takes one adult for every two kids that attend VBS. This year, we had over 100 kids attend, and we had close to 60 adults helping. I am thankful for all the people mentioned here. I am thankful for a church that supports this ministry; not just with prayer but with the needed funding.

God is good to us, and I pray that God continues to pour His abundant blessings out on our church. I pray that we stay focused on the mission until the whole world hears.

Love and Gratefulness,
Blessings,
PJ Danhires
Children's & Family Minister

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!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Dave Clark	5 Sue Clark	6 Pam Coil	7 Delores Compton	8 Anitria Coston	9 Kendall Coston	10 Michael Coston
11 Karen Crabtree	12 Larry Crabtree	13 Michael Crabtree	14 Diaalee Crone	15 Rosa Cruz	16 Georgia Dan hires	17 Gregg Dan hires
18 PJ Dan hires	19 Adam Davis	20 Hannah Davis	21 Phyllis Davis	22 Riley Da- vis	23 Cleteus Dawes	24 Linda Deitrich
25 Randy Deitrich	26 Enock Deroy	27 Juline DeRoy	28 Ann Diaz	29 Lester Diaz	30 Pat Dimon	31 Jesse Drury