

What's Happening?



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From Your Pastor

We are coming up on Stewardship Season this November. Stewardship, while it is often only associated with money, is really about how we manage the vows we make to the church. A steward has responsibility for more than just the money of the household. They manage all that goes into it. When you become a member of a Methodist Church, you vow to support the church with your Prayers, Presence (worship attendance), Gifts, Service, and Witness. I would say that even if you were not a member of the church, trying to live more and more into such vows would improve your spiritual life and make you a better “steward” of what God has entrusted you with: an immortal soul!

As a church, we are trying to make sure that not only do we teach and talk about such things, but we give the opportunities to live it out. Naturally, the pledges we ask you to consider making to support the budget of the church are an important and visible thing each of us can do. And being regular in Sunday worship is a regular rehearsal of the Christian life that should go on throughout the week. The Service Team has laid out so many opportunities—particularly emphasized in our ministry fairs—that the people of our church can take advantage

of to serve in the church and the community. Michael is looking into what we will study next in our evangelism emphasis during the summer. And in the spring, we look forward to having some prayer retreats to help us grow stronger in one of the amazing tools God has given us.

Our Stewardship Theme this year is Commit to More: More Prayer, More Worship, More Giving, More Service, More Witness. Our theme verse is Mark 1:17, where Jesus calls Peter and Andrew, saying, “Come follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” You say, but that’s only about witness, Pastor! On one level, yes. But on another, Jesus called all kinds of disciples in those days. Fishermen, farmers, tax collectors... and He called them away from what they were accustomed to. He called them away to more. And He has called all kinds of people here at Trinity Hill... to more.

Join us for our 2026 Stewardship Campaign! Kick-off is November 1, and Commitment Sunday is on November 22.

In Christ,
Senior Pastor Aaron Mansfield



3D Church Plant Update

⁵ the blind see, the lame walk, those with leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor.”

Matthew 11:5 NLT

When I was praying one day and feeling kinda bummed, I did the ol’ fashion Bible flip and this scripture is where the fate of the Lord landed. I was kinda thinking, “Why am I even doing all this?” Right then, I got a nudge from the Holy Spirit that said, “Quit crying, and LOOK!” When I re-read the scripture the line, “the Good News is being preached to the poor” was bold and looked like it was jumping off the page. At the same time the Lord said, “Addicts and alcoholics are the modern-day lepers.” The more I thought about it, the more I realized how true it was. We put them in jails and institutions and away from the general public. Then, when it’s time to put them back in society for their 37th-chance, we don’t want their sober-living houses too close to where we live and where our kids go to school. Is that what Jesus would do with them? NO! Jesus would heal and deliver them, raise them from the dead, and put them on a mission for His Kingdom.

Once upon a time before the Lord saved me, my marriage was a mess, I couldn’t keep a job, and my legal troubles were as tall as the day is long. I know that there is no one more on fire for the Lord and more grateful than a recovered addict/alcoholic who has been totally delivered and redeemed by the Lord Jesus Christ.

3D Christian Recovery Church is joining the Recovery Church Movement to be a part of the miracle of God’s work in redeeming and healing the modern-day lepers. Four of us are attending a several-week training that RCM is providing to 3D at no cost. RCM is also providing a small donation to help fund 3D’s advertising and marketing. 3D started its first Fat Book study meeting at the Token Club on Tuesday, September 22nd. Token Club is a non-profit in Lexington, KY that provides space for recovery meetings and events, and has been present in our city for 30 years helping thousands of people get sober and find their way to God.

Keep praying for 3D. I have the faith that the Lord is going to keep blessing those who are faithful to the call and put ALL their trust in Him.

In the MIGHTY Name of Jesus,
Josh Barker
Church Planting Intern / 3D Christian Church



Fall into Evangelism

Hey Trinity Hill family!

There is nothing quite like autumn. The air is getting crisp, the leaves are turning, and—let’s be honest—pumpkin spice everything is officially back. For my family, fall means heading straight to the local pumpkin patch, treating ourselves to warm apple cider donuts, and just soaking up the outdoors. I still remember the thrill of running around through the pumpkin maze and getting completely lost in the twists and turns until we finally found our way out.

As we jump into this beautiful season of fun traditions, we’re also kicking off a fresh focus around here that we’re calling Fall into Evangelism.

Life can feel a lot like that pumpkin maze sometimes—confusing, overwhelming, and full of dead ends. A lot of people in our community are wandering around right now, looking for direction and a place to belong. That is exactly where we come in.

At Trinity Hill, we look at evangelism the way John Wesley did: it’s just about sharing the life-changing love of Jesus with people who need it. It’s basically

one hungry person showing another hungry person where to find the best food (or the best apple cider donuts!).

To help us get comfortable with this, we’re anchoring our hearts in a few simple scriptures this season.

The Harvest is Ready (Matthew 9:37-38)

“The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few...”

Autumn is all about the harvest, and Jesus used that exact image. When He looked at the crowds around Him, He didn’t see a hassle; He saw an opportunity. The people in our lives—our neighbors, the baristas, our gym buddies—are looking for hope. The harvest is already out there. We just need to be willing to step out of our comfort zones and welcome them in.

Just Share Your Story (1 Peter 3:15)

“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.”

You don’t need a theology degree to talk about your faith. This scripture reminds us that evangelism is just about being ready to explain why we have hope, even when life gets messy. When people notice the peace you have and ask about it, you don’t have to be perfect. Just tell your story with kindness and respect. Your unique experience with God’s grace is the best tool you have.



We Are Sent (Romans 10:14-15)

“...How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Every single Sunday, when we walk out the doors of Trinity Hill, we are entering our mission field. Bringing “good news” doesn’t have to be complicated. It can look like inviting a friend to grab coffee, offering a listening ear to a stressed-out coworker, or asking a neighbor to join you and your family on your next trip to the pumpkin patch.

Let’s Do This Together

As the trees drop their leaves, let’s drop our fears about sharing our faith. We don’t have to change anyone’s heart—that’s the Holy Spirit’s job. Our job is just to show up, be real, and point people toward the light when they feel lost in the maze.

Over the next few weeks, we challenge everyone at Trinity Hill to pick just one person to pray for. Ask God to open up a natural, easy door to share His love with them.

Let’s step out, keep it real, and see what God does this fall! I’ll be holding onto those sweet family pumpkin patch and cider donut traditions for all our future chats, too. I would love to step out with you and talk as well as visit. Family, let’s do this thing. “It’s a God thing.”

Be a Blessing,
Michael Coston
Associate Pastor, Evangelism and Visitation

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TRUNK or Treat

Dear Family,

On Wednesday night, October 28th, please join Trinity Hill Children as we “Journey thru the Bible” with a special trunk or treat!

This event will begin at 6:00 p.m. and last until 7:30 p.m. Aside from candy, every child will get a condensed version of the Bible stories represented at Trunk or Treat, so that they can take these stories home and read them over and over. Perhaps, they will even share them with friends. Children are invited to wear costumes and invite their friends and neighbors. Don’t forget to bring a bag to collect treats!

We will need at least 20-30 individuals, families, or groups to decorate their car trunks (suggestions will be provided) in Biblical themes. Last year we had approximately 200 people at Trunk or Treat so the more trunks, the better. As we get closer to the date, sign-up sheets for trunk decorating will be on the children’s table in the Narthex. Please list what Biblical theme and candy you

will be using so that we don’t have repeats! I will have a list of some ideas for trunk or treat, but feel free to use your own idea as long as it is a Biblical theme!

I would plan enough candy for 150-200 kids. I always have extra to supplement should anyone run out of candy. If you would be willing to do a trunk but can’t afford the candy, please let me know. I can help!

We will need volunteers in many areas so if you want to take part in this program, please see PJ Danhires, or email me at pjdanhires@gmail.com.

Love and Blessings,
PJ Danhires
Children’s & Family Minister



Thanks to all the moms who joined us for some pumpkin-painting fun! We had a wonderful time together in faith and fellowship.

Interested in participating with our MOB group? Contact Kate Kimbrough for more info at katiebaker1594@gmail.com!



Dedication and gift from GMC General Conference

At the beginning of our worship services on October 4th, 2026, the congregation received a wonderful gift from this year’s General Conference that took place in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Dr. Benjamin Bowman, one of our two delegates in attendance (and our current SPRC chair), received one of the communion sets commissioned and used during the conference’s gatherings. Rev Ellie Diko presented the set to Dr. Bowman and to the congregation of Trinity Hill Methodist Church. Our church is honored to have received these items as part of World Communion Sunday.

When attending our church, be sure to stop by the communion table and view them up close. Thanks again to the GMC General Conference for these blessed gifts.





Worship Ministry Update

Last month, we debuted The Trinity Singers as a choir-type ensemble that led us in singing “A Charge to Keep I Have.” What a powerful hymn to sing!

*A charge to keep I have / a God to glorify
A never-dying soul to save / and fit it for the sky*

The Trinity Singers reminded us of our charge: to make disciples of all nations, baptizing others for the repentance of sins. That’s our mission. We’ve gotta get going because that’s how we fulfill our commission.

On the theme of multiplication, the praise band may have discovered a new way to plant a church. We met for fellowship and ended up breaking into spontaneous worship. It was such a beautiful time. Aaron posed a question: what if that was a reproducible model for church planting? If worship moments like that became one group’s mission and we formed a church that way?



I wanted this letter in particular to encourage those who lead. Now, here’s the thing, every Christian has the influence to lead. Leadership, by definition, requires influence and a following. We all serve under the Lordship and leadership of Christ. Within that, we have a certain divine influence that reflects our creator. A charge to keep, if you will. We must go and make disciples of all nations. Our God has gifted us with skills and abilities to accomplish such a charge. But there’s a problem: we get discouraged so easily.

Too often I’ve faced discouragement because it seems like my ideas never came to fruition. There are countless trips I planned that fell through, decisions I made that were wrong, recipe inventions that we’re WAY too spicy, etc. It’s defeating. And it seems to me that we (including myself) let small things get to us so easily.

“Yeah, I tried evangelizing and he looked at me like I was insane, so I haven’t done it since.”
- Me, a bunch of times.

I’m sure I could fill a book with countless examples that never quite reached that success margin. Let me tell you one recent story:

I started a house group out of my apartment. To paint the picture, my space is little more than your average college bachelor pad (yes, I have a bed frame for those who were worrying). Aside from the amount of cooking equipment, we don’t have much. Our furniture doesn’t match, we have paint peeling, our wall decorations are easel pads with handwritten Scripture on them, and our lamps are sitting on TV trays. In other words, it’s painfully unimpressive. But nonetheless, I felt a prompting this past summer to begin a house group. I called up some friends who invited friends, and every Friday night at 6:30 p.m., we met for food and Scripture. I ran the group throughout the summer. We would meet, read a passage of Scripture, ask the two questions (“What is the Spirit saying to you?” “What are you going to do about it?”), pray, and then go get Waffle House. I barely knew two of the guys, but they came by invitation. Unfortunately, the meetings only lasted for a couple of weeks; as school got closer to starting the group pretty much dissolved.

To be honest, I felt like I had failed or been disobedient in some way. After a month of discouragement, I sat down with Aaron to debrief. He told me that we can’t feel like we failed when we did what we thought God was calling us to. There’s no failure in the kingdom of God when we work in line with what we think the Lord is calling us to. I was reminded of Galatians 6:9 which says,

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest of righteousness if we do not give up.”

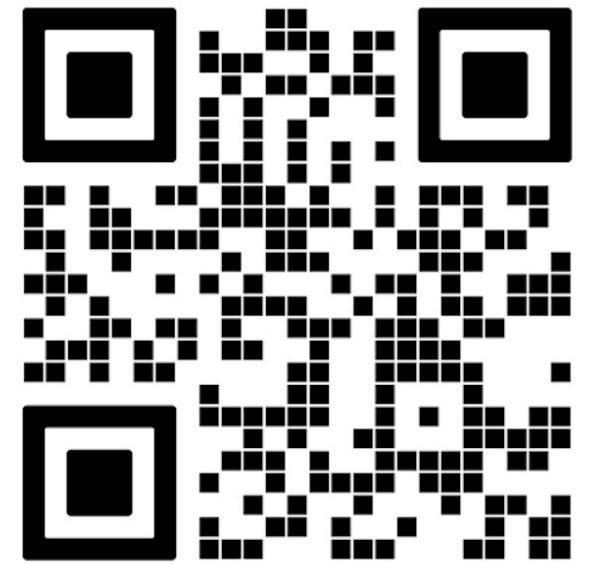
So, if you’re discouraged in this season, take heart. What God has for us in the future will surpass the present. If things are good right now, enjoy them! But if not, better is coming. Let us join together for mutual encouragement.



Cool things are happening here in the worship area and it’s such a joy to be able to share them with you. Pray for us as we press on. Also, to my fellow leaders out there: be encouraged that even when things aren’t going our way, when we follow God’s plan, there isn’t much else we need to strive for. There’s a harvest of righteousness waiting if we don’t give up.

See ya Sunday,
Drew Jordan
Worship Coordinator

P.S. If you’re looking for some encouragement or want to volunteer with the Praise Band, liturgists, or tech team, email me at
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before the middle of the month to review and include in our next edition!

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