What's Happening?

November 2026

Trinity Hill Methodist Church

From Your Pastor

Well, good morning Trinity Hill people. It's a cozy Tuesday morning. Or at least it's kind of cozy where I am not so warm out, not so warm outside, but nice and warm here in the office. I wanted to take a little bit of time in this month's video newsletter to talk about our upcoming Stewardship Campaign that will kick off at the beginning of November with a Commitment Sunday on November 22nd.



Now, you've heard me say before that stewardship is more than just about financial giving, although that's an important piece. These are all spiritual things because the Apostle Paul tells us that we are stewards of the mysteries of God. Another way of putting that would be to say, well, we're stewarding the vows we take as members of a Methodist church to support the church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. That really hit home to me over the past few months because we did an evangelism training in the summer, if you remember, and Michael and I were just very pleased with the outcome of that because of things that people have shared with us over the few months since. I think we could summarize it this way: God gave us confidence to share faith, how we are, where we are, with the personality He gave us, and with the work and family and homes that He's given us. And so we've thought, "Well, okay, we need to continue that training next year." That needs to become a regular part of our stewardship and our witness.

And that's led to, well, you know, we need some training in the stewardship of prayer. We need some training in what it really means to worship. And we need to make sure that everybody knows the opportunities we have, not just the opportunity, but really the, well, the responsibility that each church member has to serve in the church and in the community at large. And so, during the stewardship campaign this year, you're going to hear that we have a stewardship of worship. We have a stewardship of service; we have stewardship of prayer. And we definitely have a stewardship of giving.

Pretty soon these estimates of giving will be going out, and they'll be available in the church. Thank you, Paul Blodgett, for this wonderful document. And one of the things that we're looking at is that the key verse for the Stewardship Campaign this year is Mark 1:17. Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." And you say, "Pastor, that just sounds like the only thing you're talking about in stewardship is witness." Well, not exactly, because what Jesus is asking them, he's going to commit to more. He's asking them to step away from who they are and where they are to something bigger, something more. And that's what we're going to do. We're going to ask you to commit to more, commit to more prayer, commit to more worship. Yes, commit to more giving. Commit to more serving. Commit to more witnessing who you are, where you are. And so, with that said, when you open up the stewardship bulletin, you'll see in there a tithe

chart, which will help you understand, given whatever your monthly income is, what is a tithe, and what is beyond?

How do I work myself up from where I am now to get to the place where ultimately I am tithing? I want to share a brief testimony with you about the blessings of tithing, particularly what John Wesley would call the storehouse tithe. That's the idea that the first ten percent just goes to the church. It's not charity generally. It's something Jessie and I have committed to. The first ten percent goes to the church. Things that come after that, particularly our mission giving, are not considered part of the tithe for us. And so a couple of years ago, my tax preparer made an error. It was kind of an innocent error, but it compounded over time, which left me with a pretty hefty bill from the IRS, and nothing quite induces panic quite like getting that kind of letter from the IRS. And so I began to scramble and figure out, okay, how do I, how do I pay this off? And I realized that one of the things I had done, one of the places I had cut costs, was in our pledge. And after a couple of months, I just could not feel good about that. And I said, you know what? I'm back to pledging. We're gonna make it up. Okay, you know, God bless that. Now, I'm not a prosperity gospel preacher; you know that. I'm not here to say if you give money to the Lord, He's going to give you money back. You know what else I think He does? He just blesses what you have.

He may bless you with more, but He blesses what you have. He at least makes you a wiser steward of what He's given to you because of your commitments to Him. And so here's the thing. I always feel like I have to lead the way. I don't want to tell people, you know, this is what we're giving just because, you know, you'll look and say, oh, he thinks he's so awesome. No, I feel like as a pastor, if I'm going to call you to more prayer, I need to be in prayer. If I'm going to call you to serve, I need to serve. If I'm going to call you to more worship, I need to be worshipful. If I'm going to call you to witness to Jesus Christ, I need to lead that way. And it's the same with giving. Yes, we may not give the most, but we want to make sure that we are giving that storehouse tithe from the heart and that the church knows that. So this year, in the Spring, Jessie quit a job that she had. While we won't be able to increase our pledge this year, the amazing thing is that with less income, we will still be able to keep the pledge that we made this year. And what we'll pledge for 2027 is the same amount that we pledged in 2026, even though we had more income when we made that pledge in the first place. The simple fact of the matter is God says to test Him in this. Bring in the storehouse, tithe, and see if I will not bless you. I can tell you that He has blessed us, and we believe He will continue to bless us as we stay committed to Him.

So this year, I want to challenge you. Give the storehouse tithe. Build your way up to a storehouse tithe, and see if God doesn't open the blessings for you. We'll see you guys soon. God bless you all.

In Christ,
Senior Pastor Aaron Mansfield



Hungry? Grab a Scripture.

You've probably seen the commercials: "You're not you when you're hungry." When your stomach is empty, you get irritated, tired, and restless. But a candy bar only gives you a quick spike and a fast crash. When your spirit is running on empty, a temporary physical fix won't cut it. You need real, lasting sustenance. As Jesus promises in Matthew:

> *6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.*
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> *Matthew 5:6*

You need to grab a scripture.

I actually wore a shirt to school recently with this exact message on it, and everyone loved it. Throughout the day, people came up to me saying, "Coston, nice shirt and thanks for the reminder." It was a powerful testament to how a simple phrase can spark meaningful daily conversations about faith. It proved that people around us are hungry for something deeper, even in the middle of a normal, busy school day.

Feeding Our Spirits, Sharing the Faith

This is exactly why we at Trinity Hill Methodist Church are urging everyone to be intentionally evangelistic in everything you do. Integrating faith into our everyday lives—whether it's through the clothes we wear, the verses we text, or the encouragement we offer—isn't just a casual habit. It is a purposeful strategy to live out the Gospel.

Choosing to be evangelistic transforms both us and the people around us:

- Know Him More: Actively sharing your faith forces you to rely on God, deepening your personal relationship with Christ as you trust Him to guide your words.
- Bring Others to Him: A simple scripture or a bold reminder might be the exact spark someone else needs to start their own journey toward Him.
- Stay Fed Daily: Trinity Hill offers a variety of opportunities to stay spiritually fed. Whether you plug into Sunday School, Bible study, small groups, Life Transformation Groups (LTGs), or join us for church, there is a place for you to fill up on the Word.

The next time stress or anxiety hits, look to the Word instead of a temporary comfort. Let's make a commitment this week to stay fed on the Scripture, to seek Christ more deeply, and to boldly bring others along with us!

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



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3D Church Plant Update

> [16] *"Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."*
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> *James 5:16 ESV*

This has been one of the core foundational scriptures of 3D Recovery Church. For people who are suffering from addiction and alcoholism, confessing past wrongs they have committed and having trusted sponsors pray for them, opens up a new connection to God's grace, mercy, and forgiveness.

On the leadership team, we have been telling each other to, "keep the main thing, the main thing." That is getting unsaved people saved and set them on the true path of freedom that is in a living relationship with Jesus Christ.



The Lord has been moving in a mighty way for 3D. Last night, we had our Tuesday night meeting that has gone from a Fatbook/Scripture Study to a worship service! Georgia led us in worship, and we heard powerful testimonies of how the Lord continues to set the captives free. At the end of the service, we anointed a member with oil for healing from infirmity that he has been dealing with. I still haven't asked him if he has been healed, but I know that he woke up this morning and immediately volunteered to carry the Gospel and Recovery Church message to a new treatment center that has requested that 3D come visit them.

> [16] *"Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven."*
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> *James 5:14-15 ESV*

Please keep praying for us! We are all continuously filled with gratitude that Trinity Hill has entrusted us with planting a Christ-centered Recovery Church.

In Jesus MIGHTY NAME, AMEN!
Josh Barker
Church Planting Intern / 3D Christian Church





Dear family,

Well, it's that time of year where everyone starts to get really busy. I thought I should give you a list of all the things that are happening in children's ministry to help you plan.

First of all, if you have a child that likes to sing, act, or share the story of Christmas, starting on Wednesday night, November 11th, our Children's Christmas Pageant practices begin. Every child that wants to participate gets speaking parts, and if you have never been to our Christmas pageant, you are in for a treat. While preschoolers don't need to be at practices, there are even parts for them! Practices will be November 11th, 18th, December 2nd and 9th, with dress rehearsal on Sunday, December 13th, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. The actual pageant will be on December 16th. There will be a potluck at 6:00 p.m. (the church will provide the chicken, you provide the side dish), and the play will start around 6:30 p.m. Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend!



On Sunday, November 22nd, the 4th and 5th Grade Club will join the youth and their families for a traditional Thanksgiving meal. The festivities begin at the regular meeting time of 6:00 p.m. Families are encouraged to bring a side dish or a dessert.

On Sunday, December 6th families will gather in the fellowship hall to make Christmas cards for the local nursing home. After the 10:30 service, we will meet and have lunch (which will be provided). Then, after making cards, we will head over to Bluegrass Rehabilitation to sing Christmas songs.

There may be a few things that pop up on the calendar as we go along, but this should give you a good idea of what the children at Trinity Hill will be doing during the holidays. Please feel free to email me if you have any questions!

Thank you for allowing all of us in children's ministry to be a part of your child's walk with Jesus.

For those that have seen my "new office," you know how amazing it looks. I wanted to give a big thank you to John Baker, Mark Pekrul, Tom Cheatham and Lonnie Watts for making this office happen. Thanks for all the painting, the new carpet, all the heavy lifting, and putting the new desk together. I know you have many different things your time could be spent on, but I am very grateful that you were willing to spend your time on this. Not many people would have been willing to take my office and make it so wonderful. It is beautiful and I love it. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Love,
PJ Danhires
Children & Family Ministries



Trinity Hill Youth!

Fall Retreat

November 13-15

Camp Jabez on the Cumberland in Nancy, Kentucky



Contact Jacob Herm to sign up today!

Youth Ministry Update

Trinity Hill Family,

Through October, Drew led the youth group through a series on Spiritual Warfare. Using Ephesians 2:1-6 as a framework, we discussed the enemies of our faith: the influence of the world, the schemes of the devil, and the temptations of the flesh. Through this series, we learned not only the nature of these enemies, but effective ways we can combat these enemies. So often, we believe that we can conquer these enemies alone. If we simply grit our teeth and clench our fists tight enough, we can resist. Where did God say, "If you just try hard enough, you will be holy and righteous, free from sin?" Nowhere. In fact, He has given us these gifts to defend us from the enemies of our faith: His presence and power through the Holy Spirit, the community of believers (that's us) who encourage and strengthen each other, and the wisdom and guidance of scripture. As Drew put it, our "GPS": God, People, Scripture.

As I reflect on these gifts, I find myself asking a question: Who are the people I can go to when I struggle against the enemies? I am blessed that I can answer with the names of several dear friends I can call on in times of need. As I sit with this list of names, I find that I do not call on them as often nor as readily as I should, and I wonder how many others in our church would say the same? Today, I want to challenge you to spend some time reflecting on who you have in your life that you can call on when trouble and temptations find you. They do not need to be members of Trinity Hill, though I would highly recommend that they be believers in Christ. Once you have your list, let them know that you see them this way, and remind them that they can come to you in their times of need as well.

As we continue into November, I am very excited for our upcoming events! Most notably, we have our Fall Retreat the 13th-15th, where we will gather with youth from two other GMC churches in our area for a weekend of worship, fellowship and learning more about living into God's call on our lives. Then on the 22nd, we have our annual Family Dinner, where we gather the youth and 4th-5th Grade families to give thanks and share a meal together!

Thanks and God bless,
Jacob Herm
Youth Ministries

Worship Ministry Update

Hey y'all,

Remember this quote from a couple Sundays ago?

I don't want to lose my soul chasing after things that don't lead me straight to you.

If you didn't make it to that service, Hayes and Amanda Adkins debuted Josiah Queen's song The Prodigal. It's worth going back and listening to; they sang it so well.

Josiah Queen is one of those Gen Z worship people that are defining the worship scene with raw, unfiltered faith. He's energetic, passionate, and really wants to see the world get saved. I would recommend The Prodigal but also Make Heaven Crowded and Demons (feat. Julia Poe). Before he was famous for singing, Josiah was leading worship at churches and conferences. He became popular during COVID when he started posting songs on TikTok and he blew up overnight.

Let's spend some time thinking about that line from the pre-chorus:

I don't want to lose my soul chasing after things that don't lead me straight to you.

Queen is calling back to Jesus speaking in Matthew 26:26:

"What good would it be for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?"

The answer is nothing, there is nothing redeeming about a world that rejects Jesus. And of course, there is nothing worth soul forfeiting. Ephesians 2:1 says:

"As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world..."

We've been talking about the world in youth group. I defined it as the culture of sin in which we all live. It encourages sin and promotes sinners. We cannot avoid it. It's as penetrating as the air we breathe. Social media, our movies, our art, all these things are worldly. That doesn't make it bad for us to enjoy them, but it should make us conscious of the ideas that we support. Even worse, by our power it is utterly unredeemable. But if you've read Revelation and made it past the weird parts, you have read that the new Jerusalem is coming to reclaim this world. Jesus is coming. Great news, praise God.

The invitation this month is a simple question: is there a compromise where you are more worldly than you'd like to be?

I am, so I'm going to pray for you and me.

Father, come so near to your people. We want to reject the world to be more focused on you. Let us, by the grace of your Son, be free of worldly attachments. Thank you that you proclaim freedom for your people. Lead straight to you. Amen.

See ya Sunday,

Drew Jordan
Trinity Hill Worship Coordinator

P.S. The Trinity Singers are looking for people to join our music program. To hear more, contact Drew via email at andrewjordan2024@gmail.com

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!


PARENTS NIGHT OUT
NOVEMBER 19, 6-8PM
MOTHERS, RSVP WITH KATE FOR EVENT
(CHILDCARE ON REQUEST, BUT
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MARK 1:17
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Commitment Sunday is 11/22