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A GUIDE TO OUR CHURCH, MINISTRIES, & MORE

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ONE MISSION. ONE FAMILY.

Trinity Baptist Church has long been a beacon of faith, worship, and community. With a rich history deeply rooted in the love of Christ, Trinity continues to grow and flourish, offering a warm, welcoming environment where people of all ages and backgrounds can experience the love and grace of God.

CONNECT • EQUIP • REACH

At the core of Trinity's mission is its vision to "**CONNECT, EQUIP, and REACH**". This vision serves as the foundation of everything the church does. Trinity seeks to **CONNECT** with God and one another through worship, heartfelt prayer, and genuine fellowship. Every Sunday, the congregation gathers to lift their voices in praise, coming together as one family in Christ.

Trinity places a strong emphasis on discipleship. Believing that the Christian walk is not a solitary journey, the church is dedicated to **EQUIPPING** its members to live like Jesus. Through dynamic Bible studies, small group gatherings, and intentional mentoring, Trinity encourages spiritual growth and transformation, empowering individuals to serve God in their daily lives.

Our church's commitment to Christ doesn't stop at its doors. With a deep passion for outreach, Trinity is driven by the desire to **REACH** the world with the message of Christ. To allow who we are becoming both individually and collectively as disciples of Christ to overflow into the community and the world around us. As we seek to be people who **CONNECT, EQUIP, and REACH**, our prayer is that it would open the door for the transformational power of the Holy Spirit to move.

Whether you're seeking a place of worship, community, or a deeper relationship with Christ, Trinity Baptist Church stands ready to walk alongside you on your faith journey. Here you'll find a congregation united by love, transformed by the Gospel, and committed to living out their faith in meaningful ways.



YOU BELONG.

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SUNDAY



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Trinity Baptist Church is a loving group of people who will welcome you with open arms. There will be greeters at the front doors to welcome you, help you find your way around, or answer any questions you may have. Our Sunday morning service is typically about an hour long. We gather in the sanctuary, worship alongside a live band, and listen to a relevant message from our pastor. In worship, we proclaim and celebrate God's worth, value, and glory. Worship is first and foremost a way of life. We were created to worship our God in ALL we do.

BIBLE STUDIES

Bible Studies at Trinity begins at 9:45 a.m. and offers engaging and meaningful opportunities for all ages to grow in faith. From lively children's classes filled with stories and crafts to youth discussions that explore faith in everyday life, everyone is encouraged to participate. Adults can choose from various Bible studies and topical classes that deepen understanding and spiritual growth. Whether you're a lifelong learner or just beginning your journey, there's a place for you to connect and learn. Join us and make Sunday mornings a time of growth and fellowship for the whole family!



SUNDAY WORSHIP | 11 AM

BIBLE STUDIES | 9:45 AM



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MIDWEEK

WEDNESDAYS | 6:30-8 PM



ADULTS

Join us as we dive deeper into God's Word and grow in faith together. These classes are designed to provide meaningful discussions, practical applications, and a supportive community where we can encourage one another.

Childcare is available for all adult studies.

Ladies Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)

Contact Tiffany Rawlings to register and for more info.
tiffrawl@gmail.com

TRINITY KIDS

We are passionate about helping kids grow in their relationship with God while building friendships and having fun along the way. Each week, our Trinity Kids gather to enjoy interactive Bible lessons, exciting games, and activities that make learning about Jesus memorable and meaningful. Our dedicated team is committed to creating a safe, welcoming environment where kids feel loved and encouraged.



PULSE STUDENTS

Pulse Students meet every Wednesday night, offering a welcoming and dynamic environment for students to grow in their faith, connect with friends, and navigate life's challenges together. Through worship, relevant Bible studies, group discussions, and activities, students have the chance to deepen their relationship with God and each other.

Visit trinitysweetwater.com/students for our student ministry schedule.

NEXT STEPS

FOLLOW TRINITY ONLINE

We post sermons, events, and updates weekly on our website and social media pages. Following online helps you stay in the loop and get a better feel for Trinity's culture.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

We have one worship service on Sunday at 11 a.m. in person and online.

FILL OUT A GUEST CARD

The purpose of this card is to gather some basic information. Once the card is received, you will get a follow-up from someone on the church team, such as a pastor or a Welcome Team member.

ATTEND A DISCOVER TRINITY CLASS

This is a great opportunity to come and learn about Trinity's mission and values, and connect with other newcomers.

SIGN UP FOR A CONNECT GROUP

Connect Groups are a great way to meet people, ask questions, and grow in your faith in a smaller, more personal setting.

SERVE OR VOLUNTEER

If you feel comfortable, ask about volunteer opportunities. Serving can be a meaningful way to meet people and feel more connected to the community.

REACH OUT TO A PASTOR OR LEADER

If you have specific questions or need guidance, consider reaching out to our pastor or one of our leaders. They can offer more insight into Trinity's mission and vision, and help you navigate your next steps.

PRAY FOR GUIDANCE

Take some time to pray or reflect about whether this church might be a good fit for you, and ask for guidance in finding the right place for your spiritual growth.



WHAT IS A CONNECT GROUP?

It is a small group of people gathering together weekly to share food, fellowship, Bible study, and prayer. Connect Groups are open to those who are seeking or investigating Jesus and His message. Connect Groups exist to deepen relationships with God and with one another. Connect Groups help develop and nurture long-term trust and relationships, loving support, and accountability as followers of Jesus.

WHY JOIN A CONNECT GROUP?

DISCIPLESHIP - Connect Group provides opportunities for believers to learn from each other as we apply the gospel within the intimacy of relationships.

STUDY - Connect Group provides opportunities to discuss and apply God's Word to real world challenges.

CURIOSITY - Connect Group provides opportunities to ask questions in a trusted environment that you might not ask elsewhere.

ACCOUNTABILITY - Connect Group can provide a more intimate atmosphere of trust to share and develop personal spiritual growth.

EVANGELISM - Connect Group can be a stepping stone to church worship, it can be easier to invite friends to a small group who are unready to come to church.

HOSPITALITY - Hosting non-family members can be intimidating, but a small group provides opportunity to witness and practice hospitality.

COMMITMENT - Connect Group provides an opportunity to form a commitment and tighter bond with the church.

PRAYER - New Testament believers prayed together "with one accord". Connect Group provides the opportunity to join with other believers in a more intimate setting to pray together.

SOCIALIZING - Connect Group can help develop a greater sense of Christian community in a disconnected age.

HOW DO I JOIN A CONNECT GROUP?

Simply contact the church office and we will be glad to meet with you to discuss available Connect Groups and help you find one that will suit your needs.

(325) 235-2991 | church@trinitysweetwater.com

CONNECT



GIVING

4 WAYS TO GIVE

1

IN PERSON

Offering baskets will be passed during the service.

2

GIVE BY MAIL

1506 Santa Fe Ave
Sweetwater, TX 79665

3

GIVE ONLINE

trinitysweetwater.com/online-giving

4

GIVE BY TEXT MESSAGE

Text "give" to 325-420-0333
You'll receive a text response with a link to our Breeze site.

YOUR GIFT MATTERS!

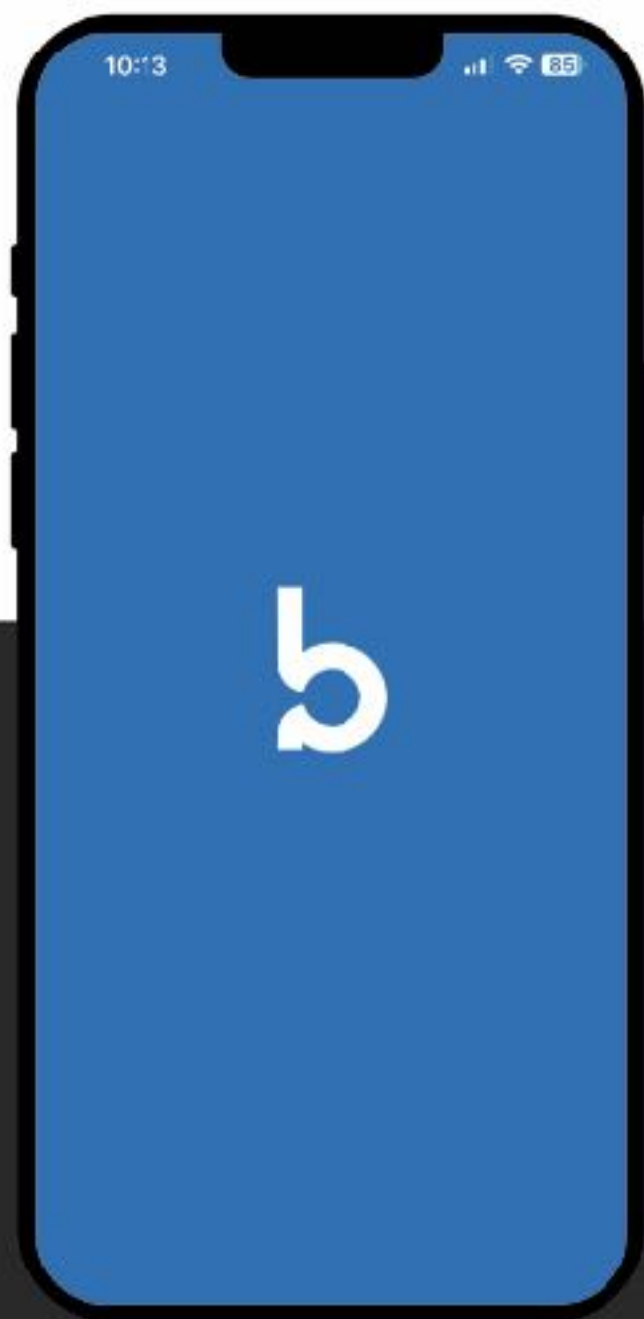
We believe that our personal finances are given to us by God as his provision and are to be used for the work of his Kingdom. Like everything he gives to us, God calls every person to sacrifice a portion of our income as a gift to the church to be used by him. The amount of that gift is between you and the Lord. God knows the needs of our church and knows what the church will need in her future. Your faithfulness in giving is instrumental in helping our church fulfill its mission as the Lord leads.

GIVE





Breeze is an easy-to-use church management software that helps you organize data, stay connected with members, give online, and more. To find our church account, simply download the app and enter our subdomain (trinitysw). From there, you will be able to create your own profile.



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Download the Breeze


APP

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 App Store



 Google Play



Fall is definitely a favorite time of the year in the Thornton household! Weather cooling down, eventually...Football is back at all levels, hunting season gets kicked off, playoff baseball is at its peak, to name a few.

Whether you have kids in school, work at a school, or neither of the two, the Fall season often provides a fresh start, new beginning, and often times includes new "things" to do. There's excitement in the air, lots of energy, people to see, and places to be. While Fall is the beginning of a lot of different involvement, it is also the time where we set our pace for the rest of the year or, at a minimum, until Christmas.

The question that has been circulating in my mind lately is... "What pace are you setting?" A question that closely follows is, "What does your pace include?" As you well know, there are so many things competing for our time. Hobbies, places to volunteer, job requirements, school, extracurricular activities, family time, being involved in church, on and on and on. It can be easy to set a pace that is involved in everything which makes you feel like you aren't fully invested in anything. It is as if a marathon runner begins a race to 26.2 miles, but sets a pace as if they were running a 100 meter sprint. It feels good in the beginning, but over time the pace isn't sustainable for the end goal.

Setting a pace, starts with an end goal, where are you headed? For the believer our sole mission is to live out the Great Commission in Matthew 28, therefore our goal is built-in, fulfill the great commission using Jesus' life as our example and His Spirit as our guide. One of the primary ways the enemy entices us away from the great commission is busyness. We can be busy with both good things and bad things, and one of the hardest things is to say "no" to something that is good, but busyness is busyness. Instead of asking the question "What should I be involved in this year?" Maybe a better set of questions to ask is, "Who is God shaping me to become?", "How am I pursuing who he is calling me to be?", and "What things in my life will continue to shape me into his image and put me in a place to live out his great commission?" Sometimes our self-imposed pace of life won't sustain us to our end goal, living out the Great Commission.

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Sunday, August 17th, we will begin a new sermon series called Rhythm and Rest, where we will focus on what it looks like to establish a Biblically balanced pace of life that puts us in the perfect place to live our intended purpose as God has designed. I look forward to walking through this series with you and, if we are willing, to help set a pace in our lives this Fall that has the potential to lead to life change both for us and those the Lord has around us!

rightnow MEDIA

Our church's Bible study library is now digital...

AND GIGANTIC.

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android chromecast iPhone & iPad Roku Apple TV firetv

www.rightnowmedia.org



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PULSE
Trinity Students

FALL RETREAT

Caprock State Park
October 11-13 // 9th-12th Grade Students

scan to register



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Operation Christmas Child delivers great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. Each box is packed full of quality toys, school supplies and personal hygiene items.

Here at Trinity, our Kids Ministry is challenging our church family to pack at least 30 shoeboxes!

Suggested items include:

Personal care items (toothbrush, wash cloth, bar of soap, comb and brush, stick of deodorant, underwear, flip flops, socks, hair accessories)

School supplies (pencils, sharpeners, erasers, pens, crayons, markers, notebooks, scissors, ruler, glue sticks)

Games/Toys (puzzles, coloring books, jump rope, stickers, games, small ball, yo-yo, stuffed animals, doll)

No food, candy, gum, used items, liquids, medication, toothpaste, or money!

Helpful links



trinitysweetwater.com/events



samaritanspurse.org



[How to pack a shoebox.](#)

FIRST SUNDAY LUNCH

All are welcome for a free lunch in the Family Life Center the first Sunday of every month. Whether you're a member or a first time visitor, join us for a great meal and a great time of fellowship.

DISCOVER TRINITY

Come learn about what it means to be a member of Trinity Baptist Church. Membership classes are held quarterly throughout the year. If you are interested in attending a class, then please visit trinitysweetwater.com/events to register for an upcoming class.

SENIOR ADULT LUNCH

Senior adults meet on a monthly basis, the last Thursday of every month, for a fellowship lunch and game such as bingo, bunnies, etc. All are welcome to enjoy a good meal and a great time of fellowship.

QUILTING GROUP

Love quilting or want to learn? Join us at Trinity the last Thursday of each month at 1 PM for stitching, fellowship, and fun! Whether you're an experienced quilter or just getting started, you'll find encouragement, creativity, and community around the table.



CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Men, join us Saturday, September 27th at 9 AM for a great breakfast and a cornhole tournament in the Family Life Center.



FIELDS OF FAITH

Fields of Faith is an FCA certified ministry program where students gather at sport environments in their communities to challenge their peers to read the Bible daily and grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Students will gather at the Sweetwater Mustang Bowl Wednesday, October 1st at 7 PM.



GINGERBREAD BASH

Gingerbread Bash will be Sunday December 7 at 5:30 PM.

This is a fun, hands-on Christmas event for kids and families. During this program, families will build gingerbread nativities, hear the Christmas story from the Bible, and discover the life-changing gift of God's Son, Jesus.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 1** Office closed for Labor Day
- 24** See You At The Pole
- 27** Men's Breakfast & Cornhole Tournament // Trinity FLC
- 28** Discover Trinity Class // following the worship service

OCTOBER

- 1** Fields of Faith // Sweetwater Mustang Bowl @ 7 PM // No Mid-Week Activities
- 6-7** Students Conclave // Arlington, TX
- 17-19** Students Fall Retreat // Caprock State Park
- 29** No Mid-Week Activities

NOVEMBER

- 9** Students Pulled Pork Fundraiser // following the worship service
- 16-19** City-Wide Revival // Nolan County Coliseum Annex @ 5:30 PM
- 20** Senior Adult Thanksgiving baskets // Trinity FLC
- 24-28** Office closed for Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

- 6** Students Denton Valley Farms
- 7** Holiday Meal // following the worship service
- 7** Gingerbread Bash // Trinity @ 5:30 PM
- 14** Business Meeting/Christmas Caroling // Trinity FLC @ 5 PM
- 24** Candlelight Service // Trinity @ 6 PM



STAY IN THE LOOP

trinitysweetwater.com/events

MINISTRY TEAMS

AUDIO/VISUAL/LIGHTING TEAM

Purpose - To make sure that anything being communicated during the service is done clearly, audibly, and visually to the best of our abilities.

BENEVOLENCE TEAM

Purpose - To minister to bereaved families through serving them a meal at the church either before or after the funeral service.

CONNECT GROUPS

Purpose - To follow the New Testament guidelines set forth in Acts 2:42. Connect Groups offer the opportunity to study God's Word, community, encouragement, and growth.

CHURCH DECORATING TEAM

Purpose - To keep the church decorated for different times of the year.

CHURCH SAFETY TEAM

Purpose - To help ensure the safety of all ages while they are on the Trinity campus.

EARLY CHILDHOOD MINISTRY

Purpose - Work with early childhood aged children to love, protect, and teach them that Jesus loves them.

FACILITY MAINTENANCE TEAM

Purpose - This is a group of people to be accessed through our Building and Grounds Breakout Team as needed when any maintenance, repairs, or improvements are needed.

FIRST SUNDAY LUNCH

Purpose - To create an opportunity for the church family to come together for a meal following the Sunday service. We want people to be able to meet each other and fellowship while providing a meal for them.

HOSPITALITY TEAM

Purpose - To welcome and greet each person that enters Trinity whether it is by greeting at the doors, or greeting people who are seated prior to the worship service. We want to make sure that we "see" people and care about them.

KIDS MINISTRY SUPPORT

Purpose - To teach our children the GOSFEL as well as equip parents to teach their children in the knowledge and truth of Christ.

KITCHEN TEAM

Purpose - To be part of a group that takes care of the church kitchen as well as help plan, decorate, serve, and clean up for various church dinners.

LAUNDRY LOVE

Purpose - Laundry Love is a Holy Spirit led outreach at the laundromat. A ministry where money is collected to pay for someone's laundry to be done while the love of Christ is shared through fellowship and the Gospel shared (if the opportunity arises).

MEN'S MINISTRY TEAM

Purpose - To organize opportunities for men to meet, network, support, and fellowship with each other.

MISSIONS TEAM

Purpose - To organize and plan mission trips and to provide support for our current mission partners.

PARKING TEAM

Purpose - To help facilitate safety and organization for parking lot needs.

PRAYER TEAM

Purpose - To pray for the needs of our congregation, town, nation, and world. This team does not meet in person but primarily communicates via email with a list of current prayer needs as they arise.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY TEAM

Purpose - To love on seniors and provide opportunities for building relationships.

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY TEAM

Purpose - To provide assistance for the children in our church with special needs so that families will be able to attend church service and programmed ministry functions.

STUDENT MINISTRY TEAM

Purpose - To guide students and their families to seek God's direction for their lives and to look for God working in the world around them. We want to equip them to share the love of God and the Gospel with the family and friends they are in relationship with each day.

TABLES & CHAIRS TEAM

Purpose - To help prepare the tables and chairs in the Family Life Center for Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

VISITATION TEAM

Purpose - To contact visitors that come to our church as well as members to offer information on our church, encouragement, and prayer as needed.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY TEAM

Purpose - Women ministering to women, through fellowship and getting to know the needs of the other women around us.

WORSHIP TEAM

Purpose - We were ALL created to worship God and is something we will do for eternity. The purpose of this ministry is to use the gifts/talents that God gave us to lead the congregation into worship.

Interested in joining a team?

**MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS
& EVENT/ACTION ITEMS**



MISSIONS & OUTREACH



JEFF & ALICIA LEE
Skopje, North Macedonia



UNDERGROUND COFFEE
Lexus
undergroundcoffee.org



PETE & VALERIE BAILEY
Foscoe, Texas



VENANTIE UWISHYAKA
Kwanda, Africa



**FELLOWSHIP OF
CHRISTIAN ATHLETES**
bigcountryfca.org



THE SHOP
Sweetwater, Texas



**SWEETWATER
MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE**
Sweetwater, Texas



**THE LIFEHOUSE
COMMUNITY**
Sweetwater, Texas
lifehouse.love



**TEXAS BAPTISTS
COOPERATIVE PROGRAM**
texasbaptists.org



**THE WELL
PREGNANCY & PARENTING
RESOURCES**
Sweetwater, Texas



NURTURE NOLAN
Sweetwater, Texas
nurturenolan.org



SPARROWS NEST
sparrowsnestmh.org



LAUNDRY LOVE
Sweetwater, Texas



CITY-WIDE REVIVAL
Sweetwater, Texas

Missions and outreach are at the very heart of our calling as followers of Christ. We believe that sharing the gospel, meeting needs, and building relationships both locally and globally reflect the love and compassion of Jesus. Our mission is to go beyond the walls of our church to serve those who may never step inside, bringing hope, healing, and the message of salvation to those in need. Through missions, we fulfill Christ's command to "go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19).



MEET THE TEAM



DR. J.T. THORNTON
Lead Pastor/Elder



BILL STEIN
Elder



EDDIE MITCHELL
Elder



CRYSTAL USSERY
Kids Pastor



TYLER BOND
Students Pastor



KELLEN BOWHAY
Worship Pastor + Communications



JANIE DAVIS
Office Administrator



TRACY WEAVER
Early Childhood Coordinator



JADE ADKINS
Cleaning Staff

LEADERSHIP TEAM

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Tad Baird
Celandra Pizzoli
Taegea Colley
Casey King
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