



## FROM PASTOR JEREMY...

If you've been to any retail store lately you can tell we are in the Christmas season! And what a wonderful time of year it is!! Family gatherings are being planned, work parties are on the schedule and friends and families begin the hunt for the perfect gift for each other.

As you are among the hustle and bustle of the season, I encourage you not to allow the burden for the perfect present to overshadow HIS PRESENCE. Christmas is a wonderful time of year, yet the true meaning can often be lost in the fast-paced culture we live in. Christ did not come with great fanfare, announcements, or media blasts. He came in humble circumstances with a gift for all humanity in mind – Salvation! Hundreds or thousands did not come to celebrate this miraculous event. Yet, in the stillness of night, a Savior was appointed to bring salvation to all who would receive Him. This is the message of Christmas. While we give gifts to express our love and gratitude, eternal life is the great gift you can tell someone about. This year, use this seasonal time as an opportunity to share why *you* celebrate Christmas. People are waiting to hear – will you tell them?

On Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> during our morning worship service our choir, orchestra, and children's choir will present "A Christmas Festival". This is a worship experience where the choir presents special songs, as well as familiar carols you'll be encouraged to join in as we worship together. Intermixed throughout the presentation will be the message of Christmas. It will be a wonderful morning of joy and excitement as we listen to and participate in the Christmas story!

December is also the time of year we kick off our Lottie Moon Christmas offering. The Lottie Moon Christmas offering helps fund all our International Missionaries who serve abroad. Through your generosity we are able to take the message of Jesus to parts of the world that have not heard about the hope and joy of the manger. I hope you will be generous to give and support our missionaries. Giving in honor of someone as a Christmas gift is a wonderful expression of your joy and desire to see lives changed through your

giving. As a fun family activity, the student ministry has planned a "Where's Lottie?" scavenger hunt throughout the month. Similar to "Where's Waldo?" families are on the search for Lottie. Clues will lead you to find a poster which highlights a specific missionary family and prayer points your family can pray over. It will be a fun way to learn more about our foreign missionaries. Take the time to participate each Sunday as the poster will change and new missionaries are highlighted.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service on Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. It is always a wonderful worship service to center our hearts before we celebrate Christmas.

Finally, I wanted to end with my deepest gratitude to you, my Trinity family. It is with great joy I humbly serve you as your Senior Pastor. Each of you has captured my heart and affection. I thank God for you!! I truly love each of you. I thank God for His divine guidance over six years ago when this journey began. If you were to ask me then if I would be a Senior Pastor, I would have told you no way. However, when we allow God to use us, He will lead and direct our paths. It is my heartfelt prayer that each of you would know you are cared for and loved by the Champion Family. I look forward to what God wants to accomplish through each of us in the coming year!!

**Jeremy Champion**, *Senior Pastor*



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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Merry Christmas Everyone! I truly can't believe we are starting the month of December, is anyone else with me on this? Besides being the month our Savior was born, it's special time we can be with our loved ones.

Children's Ministry has a lot of fun things planned for the month so stay tuned for what pops up.

Our annual 'Happy Birthday, Jesus Party' will be on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. The children always enjoy this celebration, we keep it Christ centered but with tons of fun thrown in too.

We are also planning a field trip to *A Christmas Carol*. Once the date and time is finalized more details will be provided for this trip.

As always thank you for letting me teach your children about Christ.

**Marilynn Beale**, *Children's Ministry Director*

## LADIES ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

Ladies, make plans to join this annual event on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 10 am-12 pm in the Chapel. All ages are welcome. Bring your favorite snack to share and an ornament if you wish to participate in the exchange. This year we are also asking that participants bring an unwrapped toy (birth -12 yr) to donate to Loaves and Fishes.



**Stephanie Gandy**

## YEAR-END GIVING

It's hard to imagine that 2024 is quickly coming to an end. At this time of year many of us think about year-end giving to our church and what that looks like. For your tithes and offerings to be counted towards your 2024 contribution record, they must be received in one of the following ways:

1. Placed in the offering plate by Sunday, December 29, 2024.
2. Dropped off at the church office by Monday, December 30 at noon.
3. Postmarked by the United States Post Office no later than Tuesday, December 31, 2024.

Thank you so much for your generosity to Trinity Baptist Church. We appreciate all that you do.

**Cammie Evans**, *Business Administrator*

## TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

### *November News & Christmas Highlights*

As we close out the month of November, we reflect on the season of gratitude. It's a time to appreciate all the wonderful things that make our community strong—our students, staff, church family and the many moments we share together.

One of those moments was the thrilling Staff vs. Student volleyball game! It was a fun and competitive match that saw both sides giving their best, but ultimately, the staff pulled off a hard-fought victory. Thanks to everyone who participated and showed their school spirit. We can't wait for the next one!

As we look ahead to December, be sure to mark your calendars for our annual holiday performances. Our Early Childhood Education (ECE) program will showcase their talents on **December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**. Secondary Christmas Chapel will be on **December 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM** with band and chorus performances. Elementary Christmas Chapel with musical performances is on **December 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:20 AM**.

These heartwarming performances are a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season, and we invite you to join us for a festive celebration filled with music, joy, and community spirit. We hope to see you there!

Wishing you all a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with gratitude, good food, and great company. Here's to a joyful Christmas season ahead!

**Nicole Mutters**, *TCS Head Administrator*

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Welcome December! It feels like this year has flown by. Christmas is a special time to spend with family and friends. We also need to be sensitive to those who may be missing a loved one even more during this time. Let's use this time to send a card or give a hug to someone that might need one.

Our Holiday Dinner is on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. It should be a great time of food, fellowship, and music. If you haven't signed up, make sure you do so by Sunday, December 1. This is the most wonderful time of the year, celebrating Jesus' birth. There are beautiful lights all around us but we are also to be the light of the world. Let's not hide our light.

*You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Hebrews 5:14*

Merry Christmas!

**Keith & Denise Royston**, *Senior Adult Ministry Leaders*

# STUDENT MINISTRY

Merry Christmas from the OSM! Can't believe we will be wrapping up 2024 in just a few short weeks. This year has been a busy one for our students and we have been excited to see how God has used our Student Ministry for His glory. In 2024 our students went to Louisiana and just a few towns over in DeLand to be the hands and feet of Jesus through painting! Our groups helped paint 13 houses and clean a ship used to bring aid around the world with the gospel message of Jesus. We were able to pack 115 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes and took some serious time to understand what these shoeboxes could mean for children and their families. In November we hosted our Trivia Night with all proceeds going to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, which gave us a great opportunity to dive deep into the idea and heart of missions and being called to share the gospel with a lost world. We are wrapping up this year with a focus on Light It Up- living a life that points others to our Father (Matthew 5:16). ...but the year's not over yet!

Coming up in December/January:

**December 1<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>: Where's Lottie?!** Our Student Ministry is providing a fun opportunity for families and individuals to discover some of the many missionaries serving all over the world! Something new each Sunday leading up to Christmas!! This is going to be good!!

**December 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>: Working on our Christmas float for the Apopka Christmas Parade!** We are excited to represent TBC and invite you to join us (either helping with the float construction or walking in the parade!)

**December 14<sup>th</sup>: The Apopka Christmas Parade**

**January 12<sup>th</sup>: Parent/Guardian & Student Info Meeting for Summer Camps and Mission Trips!**

**January 12<sup>th</sup>: Money due for Rock the Universe** (\$100 per student, if not a student, you may use our group discount and pay the \$160! It's a great price!)

**January 19<sup>th</sup>: Golf Tournament Meeting!** If you are willing to be on the planning team for this event, please see Meme as soon as possible!

**January 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>: ROCK THE UNIVERSE!** Details to come in the January Newsletter, but you can always see Meme with any questions you have!

Finally, as we look to close this year with a bang, we cannot miss this opportunity to tell you how very grateful we are to our church family and the love, prayers, support, finances, and time you so willingly share with our Student Ministry. It is a privilege and honor to serve the Kingdom alongside you.

Praying you and yours have a very Merry Christmas!

**Meme Champion**, *Interim Student Director*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

December 2	Senior Adult Holiday Dinner
December 7	Ladies Ornament Exchange
December 11	Finance Committee Meeting
December 14	Apopka Christmas Parade
December 22	Happy Birthday Jesus Party (Children/2nd hour)
December 24	Christmas Eve Service-5 pm
December 24-25	Church Office Closed
December 25	No Wednesday Night Activities
December 31-January 1	Church Office Closed
January 1	No Wednesday Night Activities

