

Welcome to “Discovering Life at Trinity”

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The Purpose for This Class: To Establish Belonging.

Eph 2:19 *“...You are a member of God’s very own family...and you belong in God’s household with every other Christian.”*

The Goal of This Class:

That I will commit myself to Christ, and to the Trinity family.

PART 1, Session 1: THE Church – Its Birth, Its Mission, Its Message

What the Church is Not

The church is not a Denomination.

The church is not a Building.

What the Church Is

The church is the Body of Christ.

(Figure of speech referring to the people who make up THE Church)

Eph 5:23 *Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.*

Eph 4:11-12 *He is the one who gave these gifts to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.*

The Purpose of THE church: To be His Witness.

Acts 1:6-8 *So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

The Birth of THE Church: Pentecost.

Acts 1:4-5 *On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."*

Acts 2:1-4 *When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.*

Acts 2:14-39 Peter preached the first sermon of the church.

Acts 2:40-41 . . . With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Joining THE Church: Faith in Christ.

Acts 2:22-39 "Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. (23) This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. (24) But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. . . (32) God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. (33) Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. . . (36) "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." (37) When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" (38) Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (39) The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off - for all whom the Lord our God will call."

Functions & Belonging to THE Church

Acts 2:42-47 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. (43) Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. (44) All the believers were together and had everything in common. (45) Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. (46) Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, (47) praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

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| <u>Discipleship</u> : | Devoted to "the apostles' teaching" |
| <u>Fellowship/Community</u> : | Devoted themselves to ". . . the fellowship" |
| <u>Worship</u> : | Devoted to "the breaking of bread and prayer"
"Awe" and "praising God" |
| <u>Ministry</u> : | "They gave to anyone as he had need." |
| <u>Evangelism</u> : | "The Lord added . . . those who were being saved." |

Ordinances of THE Church

BELIEVER'S BAPTISM

The Importance of Being Baptized

1. To follow the example set by Christ.

Mark 1:9 "At that time Jesus came from Nazareth and was baptized by John in the river."

2. It is part of Christ's great Commission to His church.

Matt 28:19-20 [Jesus said] "Go then, to all people everywhere and make them my disciples, baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and then teach them to obey everything I have commanded you."

3. It is the new believer's first act of Public Obedience.

Acts 2:38 And Peter said to them, "Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

What is the Meaning of Baptism?

1. Through baptism, I identify with Christ's Burial and Resurrection.

1 Cor 15:3-4 "Christ died for our sins...He was buried... and He rose again."

Col. 2:12 "For when you were baptized, you were buried with Christ, and in baptism you were also raised with Christ."

2. Baptism is an illustration of my New Life in Christ.

"When someone becomes a Christian he becomes a brand new person inside. The old life has passed away and a new life has begun!" 2 Cor 5:17

"By our baptism then, we were buried with Him and shared His death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead...so also we may live a new life!" Rom 6:4

What about Infant Baptism?

1. Baptism is for every person who has Believed in Christ.

Acts 2:41 "Those who believed and accepted His message were baptized..."

Acts 8:12 "But when they believed Philip as he preached the Good News... and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women."

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Jesus never asked His disciples to remember His birth. But He did instruct them to remember His death and resurrection. He gave the church two visible symbols (called "ordinances") as reminders of His death. The Lord's Supper is an object lesson that represents a great spiritual truth for believers.

What is the Lord's Supper? (1 Cor 11:23-26)

1. It is a Simple act.

1 Cor 11:23 *"The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread..."*

2. It is a Reminder.

1 Cor 11:24 *"...and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; eat it in remembrance of me."*

3. It is a Symbol.

1 Cor 11:25 *"In the same way, He took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; drink it to remember me'"*

4. It is a Statement of Faith.

1 Cor 11:26 *"For whenever you eat the bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes back."*

FAQ about Baptism and Lord's Supper

Why do you practice baptism by immersion?

Because it provides a much better visual representation of what is happening spiritually. Spiritual Baptism into Christ involves the death (crucifixion) of self and being raised to life spiritually. Water baptism is a symbolic act celebrating this spiritual experience.

Romans 6:4-10 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. (5)If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. (6)For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—(7)because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. (8)Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. (9)For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. (10)The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

When can I be baptized?

AS SOON AS YOU HAVE BELIEVED!

Acts 2:41 Those who believed...were baptized...that day.

Acts 8:35-38 Then Philip began with the Scriptures and told him the Good News about Jesus. As they traveled along the road, they came to some water, and the man said, 'Look, here is water! Why shouldn't I be baptized right now?' Philip said, 'If you believe with all your heart, you may.' The man answered, 'I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.' So they went down into the water and Philip baptized him.

There is no reason to delay. As soon as you have decided to receive Christ into your life, you can and should be baptized. If you wait until you are "perfect" you'll never feel "good enough"!

Can my family be baptized together?

Yes! If each family member understands fully the meaning of baptism, and each one has personally placed his/her trust in Christ for salvation, we encourage families to be baptized at the same time. It is a wonderful expression of commitment. Parents, however, need to teach and explain scriptural baptism to their children. If you would like, you may ask your small group leader to go through this with you and your child. If you don't have a small group leader yet, ask for a meeting with one of the church staff.

It is important to remember that baptism is a personal statement of faith, not a family tradition. It is usually not wise to delay your baptism while waiting on other family members to accept Christ, particularly children. This puts an undue pressure on them, and delays your obedience.

Where will I be baptized?

Baptisms are held in the sanctuary baptistery, local pool, or lake.

What should I wear when I am baptized?

Sanctuary: You should wear slacks or shorts with a dark top that will maintain the proper modesty when wet (do not wear anything white). You may also want to wear socks. A room for changing will be available prior to and following the baptism. Bring a change of clothes, towels, and a plastic bag for your wet clothes. You may change in the back room and then return to the service.

Lake or pool: A swimming suit covered modestly or shorts and t-shirt.

Will I have to say anything?

At the beginning of the service, Pastor will briefly explain the meaning of baptism. When you enter the baptistery, you will be asked if you have received Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. After making affirmation, you will be lowered briefly under the water. (If you would like to give a longer testimony of Christ's work in your life, you may.) After the closing prayer, the people will come by and welcome you into the fellowship. We encourage you to invite all your relatives and friends to attend your baptism.

Who will baptize me?

Usually it's a person in the church family who has been or will be significant in your spiritual pilgrimage (a small group leader, the person who brought you to Trinity, a parent, etc.).

Who should take the Lord's Supper?

Only those who are already believers. *"For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment upon himself."* 2 Cor 11:29

When/how often is the Lord's Supper to be observed?

Jesus never said when or how often believers should observe the Lord's Supper. At Trinity we usually observe the Lord's Supper every other month in the morning worship service. Small groups also observe the Lord's Supper together as desired.

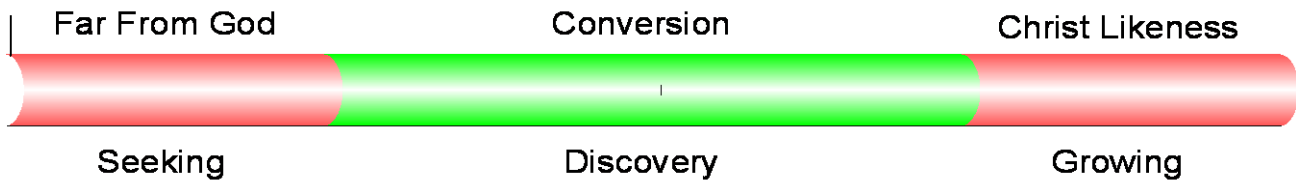
What about children?

Children who have accepted Christ and understand the ceremony (parental determination) are allowed and encouraged to participate.

Part 1, Session 2: OUR Church – Trinity Baptist Church

Trinity's Purpose Statement

"Leading people who are far from God to be continually formed in Christ-likeness."



Far From God: Many people, through life's hardships, bad church experiences, negative Christian influences, and/or false religious teaching or spiritual ignorance have many obstacles and hindrances to becoming Christians. Trinity never wants to "write off" people who are resistant to God or the church. Rather, we seek to engage them in respectful dialogue and relationship building in an effort to help them sort out spiritual confusion. Our goal is to gently dismantle the intellectual and emotional walls that stand between them and God.

Conversion: The conversion phase of spiritual development takes into account that some people are really very open to God and aware of their need for something greater than themselves, but need a clear witness of the power of God to change a human life. We seek to provide this witness through transformational teaching relevant to life and exposure to the lives and stories of others like them who have experienced the power of God through salvation.

Fully Devoted to Christ-likeness: We do not stop with our efforts once a person becomes a follower of Christ. After conversion, it is our desire to help lead people to be like Christ in the fullest measure possible. This involves helping them learn the disciplines necessary for their relationship with God to grow; helping them to discover, develop and deploy their gifts and abilities into the work of God's kingdom; and helping them to establish strong connections with others in the church family where they can know and be known, love and be loved, serve and be served, celebrate and be celebrated with as they move ahead toward the ultimate goal of transformation.

History of Trinity Baptist Church

How We Started

November, 1976 - Started out of a fracture from First Baptist Church over conservative/liberal doctrine.



January 30, 1977 - First Worship Service at 7th Day Adventist Church



May 29, 1977 - Called first Pastor: Greg & Cheryl Whitaker



Location History

1976 – 1980 Began in homes; 7th Day Adventist Church; Webb Middle School
(now Pineview)

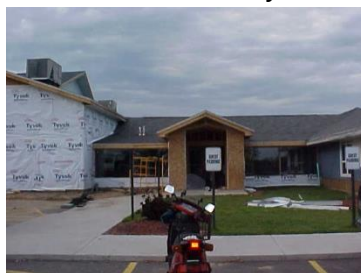


1980 – Occupied current land and first unit building



1999 – Phase 1 Expansion – kitchen, bathrooms, and additional educational space

2001 – Phase 2 Expansion – entrance, new foyer, and sanctuary



2010 – Acquired Watts & Sammons Properties



Trinity's Pastoral History

1977 – 1983
Greg & Cheryl Whitaker
Church planter and 1st pastor
funded by SBC



1984 – 1992
Bob & Jo Ann Tolliver



Jim & Karen Hogg
1993 – 1996



Jim & Karen Hogg,
Trevor & Curtis



2003 – 2020
Ben & Kayla Seamans
Associate Pastor of Worship
& Students



1997 – Present
Michael & Angela Lopp
Senior Pastor



2012 – Present
Chris & Rebekah Phillips
Associate Pastor of Children & Students



2020 – Present
Bridges Harrison
Associate Pastor of Worship Ministries

Trinity's Belief Statement

- **In essential beliefs we have** Unity.

"There is one Body and one Spirit...there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of us all..." Eph 4:4-6

- **In non-essential beliefs we have** Liberty.

"Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters...Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls... So then each of us will give an account of himself to God...So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God." Rom 14:1, 4, 12, 22

- **In all our beliefs we show** Charity.

"..If I hold in my mind not only all human knowledge but also the very secrets of God, and if I have the faith that can move mountains--but have not love, I amount to nothing at all." 1 Cor 13:2

The Essentials We Believe

1. About God

God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three personalities: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and are one God.

Gen 1:1,26,27; 3:22; Ps 90:2; Matt 28:19; 1 Pet 1:2; II Cor 13:14

2. About Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is co-equal with the Father. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory and will return again someday to earth to reign as King of kings, and Lord of lords.

Matt 1:22,23; Isa 9:6; John 1:1-5, 14:10-30; Heb 4:14,15; 1 Cor 15:3,4; Rom 1:3,4; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Tim 6:14,15; Titus 2:13

3. About The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and the Son. He is present in the world to make men aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. He gives every believer at least one spiritual gift when they are saved. As Christians, we seek to live under His control.

2 Cor 3:17; John 16:7-13; 14:16,17; Act 1:8; 1Cor 2:12;3:16; Eph 1:13; Gal 5:25

4. About The Bible

The Bible is God's Word to us. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is the truth without any mixture of error.

2 Tim 3:16; 2 Pet 1:20, 21; 2 Tim 1:13; Ps 119:105, 160; 12:6; Prov 30:5

5. About Human Beings

People are made in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character. People are the supreme object of God's creation. Although every person has tremendous potential for good, all of us are marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God called "sin." This attitude separates people from God and causes many problems in life.

Gen 1:27; Ps 8:3-6; Isa 53:6a; Rom 3:23; Isa 59:1, 2

6. About Salvation

Salvation is God's free gift to us, but we must accept it. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty. When we turn from our self-ruled life and turn to Jesus in faith, we are saved. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ into his life by faith.

Rom 6:23; Eph 2:8,9; John 14:6, 1:12; Titus 3:5; Gal 3:26; Rom 5:1

7. About Eternal Security

Because God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ, the true believer is secure in that salvation for eternity. If you have been genuinely saved, you cannot "lose" it. Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by the self-effort of the Christian. It is the grace and keeping power of God that gives us this security.

John 10:29; 2 Tim 1:12; Heb 7:25; 10:10, 14; 1 Pet 1:3-5

8. About Eternity

People were created to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin, or eternally with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is to spend eternity in Hell. To be eternally in union with Him is to spend eternal life in Heaven. Heaven and Hell are real places of eternal existence.

John 3:16; John 14:17; Rom 6:23; Rom 8:17-18; Rev 20:15; 1 Cor 2:7-9

Trinity's Denominational Affiliation

How it Works

Trinity Baptist Church has a voluntary relationship with three specific groups of churches:



Southern Wisconsin Baptist Association (SWBA)
www.wisconsinbaptist.org

A local network of churches in Southern Wisconsin whose purpose is to plant and develop prevailing churches.

Photo of Mark Millman, Church Planting Strategist/Director of Missions

The **Minnesota/Wisconsin Baptist Convention (MWBC)**
www.mwbc.org

A broad network of churches throughout Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Photo of Leo Endel, Executive Director



The **Southern Baptist Convention (SBC)**
www.sbc.net

40,000+ churches that cooperate together in a world-wide effort of missions.

Interesting facts about the Southern Baptist Convention

Significant - It is the largest association of protestant churches in America. One out of every 10 churches in America is affiliated with the SBC (40,000 churches and 15 million members-more than most other denominations combined).

Inclusive - It is the most diverse association of churches. SBC churches include every race, nationality, and ethnic group. Each Sunday, services are held in over 80 languages in the U.S.

Mission-minded - It is one of the fastest growing groups. The SBC baptizes over 1,100 new Christians and begins nearly 5 new churches a day!

SBC Agencies

Seminary and Education
North American Missions Board (NAMB)
International Missions Board (IMB)
Religious liberty and Ethics Commission
Annuity Board

FAQ about Church Affiliation

Q: Why not just be an independent church?

A: We are an independent church! Every church affiliated with the SBC network is completely independent. There is no denominational control or hierarchy, as there is in most other denominations. Each church is self-governed and determines its own affairs.

Q: Does the SBC dictate pastors coming and going?

A: Every church affiliated with the SBC network chooses and hires its own pastor.

Q: Does the SBC have control over the buildings and assets?

A: Every church affiliated with the SBC network owns its own buildings and assets.

Q: Does the SBC dictate programs, ministries, curriculum, or level of support the church sends to the denomination?

A: Every church affiliated with the SBC network determines all of its own ministry work and how it is done.

Q: What are the advantages of affiliating with the SBC?

A: It allows us to identify with other Christians around the world who are known for their commitment to the Bible. Unlike other groups, the SBC has no man-made "creed." The Bible is our only authority.

It allows our church to participate in the largest missionary organization in the world. Through the SBC "Cooperative Program" we help support over 10,000 missionaries in 104 countries around the world.

How Our Church is Structured

1. The church is a Fellowship.

"So let us concentrate on the things that make for harmony and the growth of our fellowship together." Rom 14:19

"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." Eph 4:3

IMPLICATION: Good structure promotes unity and downplays differences.

We limit "voting" because it tends to create conflict.

2. The church is a Family. Gal 6:10, Heb 2:10, 1 Pet 4:17

"Don't reprimand a senior member of the church, appeal to him as a father. Treat the young men as brothers, and the older women as mothers. Treat the younger women as sisters." 1 Tim 5:1-2

So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith. Gal 6:10

"[A Pastor] must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. If anyone does not know how to manage his family, how can he take care of God's church?" 1 Tim 3:4-5

IMPLICATION: Greater responsibility goes with greater maturity.

3. The church is a Body. 1 Cor 12:27, Eph 5:23, Eph 1:22-23, Col 1:18, 2:19

"Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We each have different gifts according to the grace given us." Rom 12:4-6

"God gave...some to be pastors and teachers to prepare God's people for works of ministry, so that the body of Christ may be built up..." Eph 4:11-12

IMPLICATION: Function on the basis of spiritual gifts, not elected offices.

4. The church is a Flock.

(Jesus' favorite description of the Church) John 10:1-30, Matt 26:31, Matt 25:33

Jesus asked Simon Peter, 'Do you really love me?' 'Yes, Lord,' said Peter. 'Then take care of my sheep.' John 21:16-17

Three different terms are used in the New Testament to refer to the same church leaders:

- "POIMEN": Pastors.
- "PRESBUTEROS": Elders.
- "EPISCOPOS": Bishops.

"To the elders I say... Be shepherds of God's flock, serving as overseers..."
1 Pet 5:1-2

"Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church. When they arrived he said to them, 'Guard yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be pastors of the church of God...'" Acts 20:17-18, 28

See also Titus 1:5-7, 1 Tim 5:17

IMPLICATION: Therefore it is cared for and led by Shepherds.

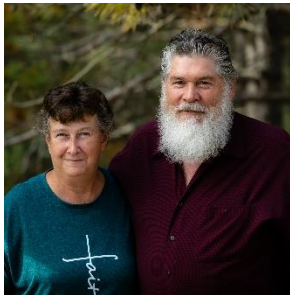
Meet our Elders and Staff

Elders



Spencer Fast - Spencer and Katie Fast have been members of Trinity since 2009. Spencer was affirmed as an elder in March 2014. He has been active serving in Promiseland, Touched Twice Clinic, men's and various other outreach ministries.

Spencer and Katie were married in 2000. They have six children - Gehrig, Liana, Desi, Logan, Marley and Nico.



Jeff Owen – Jeff and Deb Owen have been members of Trinity since 2010. Jeff was affirmed as an elder in December 2019. He also has many roles on the Worship Team, and has served in our Small Group Ministry.

Jeff and Deb have been married since 1985 and have two adult children.

Elder Candidates



Joel Jacobson – Joel and Andrea Jacobson have been members of Trinity since 1999. Joel volunteers on Finance Team, Small Group Ministries, and Wonewoc Bible Club. Andrea has been involved with Worship Team, Christmas Programs, and Small Group Ministry, and leading the Wonewoc Bible Club. Joel previously served on the Elder Team for some years, and will again be presented to the congregation as an elder candidate in December 2021.

Joel and Andrea have been married 29 years and have three grown children.



Jeff Young – Jeff and Lisa Young have been members of Trinity since 2006. Jeff has been serving in our Small Group Ministry and on our Welcomer Team. Lisa also serves on the Financial Team as a Counter, a MOPS mentor, Hospitality Team member, and Welcomer. Jeff will be presented to the congregation as an elder candidate in December 2021.

Jeff and Lisa have been married over 40 years and have two adult children. They are empty nesters but are blessed to see all the young families in our congregation and the emphasis Trinity has placed on "raising up children in the way they should go."

Ministerial Staff

Senior Pastor – Michael Lopp



Pastor Mike grew up in St. Charles, Missouri area. He came to Christ as a teenager, and was called into the ministry at the age of 15. He attended Southwest Baptist University, where he received his BA in Religious Studies and Psychology. In 2009 he completed his Master of Divinity degree from Luther Rice University. Prior to accepting a position as Senior Pastor at Trinity in 1997, Pastor Mike served as the Associate/Youth Pastor and Director of Wisconsin Dells Resort Ministry.

Pastor Mike met his wife, Angi, while attending Southwest Baptist University. They have been married since 1987, and view themselves as a team in ministry. They have four adult children.

Pastor Mike is passionate about God's Word. He loves to share it with as many people as possible, as he knows the power of the gospel to transform hearts and lives. He has a strong desire for others to grow in the knowledge of God and His word, and training them how to handle it correctly. His spiritual gifts are leadership and teaching. He is an energetic speaker and teacher.

In addition to a great passion for the truth of God, Pastor Mike is also known to have a passion for working out and staying in shape.

Associate Pastor of Children and Students – Chris Phillips



Trinity welcomed Pastor Chris as Associate Pastor of Children and Students in October 2012. He was born and raised in Lake City, FL. He graduated from the Baptist College of Florida in 2008 with a BA in Ministry. Pastor Chris' passion is to see our children, students, and their families become fully-devoted followers of Christ. He loves to see young people transformed to live their lives for Christ.

While at college, Chris met his wife, Rebekah. They were married in 2009, and now have four children – Timothy, Kaitlynn, Karis and Jonathan. Chris and his family are avid fans of the Florida Gators (we are still converting them to be a fervent Packers and Badgers fan!). He enjoys football and sports, games, and spending time with his family.

Associate Pastor of Worship – Bridges Harrison



Pastor Bridges is the most recent addition to our pastoral team. He answered the call to join our ministry in November 2020.

Bridges grew up in Mississippi and Florida. He was raised by Christian parents who taught him the importance of following and serving Jesus.

To Bridges, nothing unites the body of Christ more than the Holy Spirit during corporate worship. The words of professor Dietrich Bonhoeffer inspire his vision of Christian community: "Through [Christ] alone do we have access to one another, joy in one another, and fellowship with one another."

Outside of ministry, Bridges loves all things artistic, including dance, film, video games, and poetry. He is also an avid fan of New Orleans sports and will always find a way to watch the Saints and Pelicans every season.

Support Staff

Angie Bergman - *Administrative Assistant to Senior Pastor*



Angie has been on staff at Trinity since February 2009. She loves doing the behind-the-scenes work that allows others to focus and use their time to minister in the way God gifted them to. She assists Pastor Mike with preparing sermon outlines, props and PowerPoints; handles registration and materials for classes and event; supports small groups; and oversees the church website.

Angie and her husband, Dan, have been married over 30 years and have been blessed with three children and a wonderful daughter-in-law. They have been members at Trinity since 2000, and together serve as Trinity's hospitality ministry team leaders. Angie enjoys spending time with family, watching her kids perform in the arts, taking road trips, and collecting rocks and acorns.

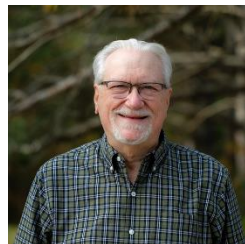
Joelle Syftestad - *Office Administrator and Worship Administrative Assistant*



Joelle came on staff at Trinity in 2017 as our Worship Administrative Assistant, and more recently accepted the position of Office Administrator in 2021. She is the central hub of information at Trinity and handles general communication, coordinates the church calendar, prints the weekly bulletin, creates announcement slides for Sunday mornings, among other things. If you have questions about church activities or want to schedule use of the building, contact Joelle.

Joelle grew up in the church and has been involved in Worship Ministries since a teen. She continues to serve on this team as a vocalist. She enjoys spending time playing games, going for walks and spending time with her family and friends.

Glen Slaats – *Administrative Assistant to Children & Students Ministry*



Glen came on staff in September 2021, called to serve Promiseland and Student Ministries as an Administrative Assistant. He supports Pastor Chris, the department leaders and many volunteers in taking care of all the details for Sunday mornings and Children's special events. Much of his time is spent on room preparation, purchasing, organizing, and coordinating.

Glen and his wife, Vicki, have been married over 45 years and have two grown children. Glen is active in SWBA (Southern Wisconsin Baptist Association), MWBC (Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention), Builders for Christ, Reedsburg Historic Preservation Committee, and Reedsburg Area Community Choir. In his spare time he enjoys watching soccer at all levels and supporting the Forward Wisconsin Football Club.

Understanding Belonging

Informative Stages:

- Visiting services or a small group
- Attending Inquirer's Coffee
- Attending "Discovering Life at Trinity, Part 1- THE Church & How to Belong"

Assimilating Stages:

- Applying for membership
- Consistent participation in services, special events, and groups
- Relationship building gets underway

Growing Stages:

- Sharing generously of self to others through service, prayer, and various biblical forms of ministry
- Giving generously of your resources to the church, the poor, and the Kingdom of God in general
- Receiving spiritual instruction and loving ministry from the body
- Attending "Discovering Life at Trinity, Part 2-Practices of a Maturing Disciple"

Trinity Membership Covenant

1. I WILL PROTECT THE UNITY OF MY CHURCH.

- **By acting in love toward other members.**
"Have a sincere love for your fellow believers, love one another earnestly with all your hearts." 1 Peter 1:22
- **By refusing to gossip.**
"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs..." Eph 4:29
- **By following the leaders.**
"Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be no advantage to you." Heb 13:17

2. I WILL SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY CHURCH.

- **By praying for its growth.**
"Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much." James 5:16
- **By inviting the unchurched to attend.**
"Go out into the country...and urge anyone you find to come in so that My House will be full." Luke 14:23
- **By warmly welcoming those who visit.**
"So, warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified." Rom. 15:7

3. I WILL SERVE THE MINISTRY OF MY CHURCH.

- **By discovering my gifts and talents.**
"Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you." 1 Peter 4:10
- **By being equipped to serve by the Ministerial Leadership.**
"God gave...some to be pastors and teachers to prepare God's people for works of ministry, so that the body of Christ may be built up..." Eph 4:11-12
- **By developing a servant's heart.**
"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Jesus Christ...who took on the very nature of a servant..." Phil 2:3-4

4. I WILL SUPPORT THE TESTIMONY OF MY CHURCH.

- **By attending faithfully.**
"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together...but let us encourage one another." Heb 10:25
- **By living a godly life.**
"But whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the Gospel of Christ." Phil 1:27
- **By giving regularly.**
"Each one of you, on the first day of each week, should set aside a specific sum of money in proportion to what you have earned and use it for the offering." 1 Cor 16:2



Trinity Baptist Church
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

EXAMPLE

Four Requirements for Membership

- 1. Salvation:** Personal decision to trust Jesus Christ for forgiveness of your sins and commitment to follow Him in life:

_____ Yes, I have made this decision.

_____ No, I have not yet made this decision, but would like further explanation.

- 2. Baptism:** Believer's Baptism by immersion after you committed your life to Christ:

_____ Yes, I have been baptized as a believer.

Please provide us with the date and church if you remember:

_____ No, I'd like to be baptized at Trinity.

- 3. Class:** Completion of "Discovering Life at Trinity"

Part 1 Date: _____

Part 2 Date: _____

- 4. Covenant:** I have read and understand what it means to abide by the Trinity Membership Covenant.

Signature

Printed Name

Date

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS TRINITY TOUR

- **TBC Mobile APP**
 - **Stay Connected With Our App!** Search for **Trinity Baptist - Reedsburg** in your App Store to download our mobile app.
 - **Sunday Morning**
 - Live Stream
 - Weekly Bulletin
 - Welcomer Schedules
 - **Sermons**
 - **Discovering Life Class Recordings & Resources**
 - **Registration Links**
 - **Upcoming Events**
 - **Give**
 - **Volunteer**
 - **Notifications**
- **TBC Social Media**
 - Facebook
 - Official Trinity Baptist Page – Public Page w/ What’s Happening <https://www.facebook.com/TrinityBaptistChurchReedsburg>
 - Trinity Baptist Church Connection Groups (members can post and communicate with one another) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/175811022611434>
 - Trinity Students Page – Public Page w/ Events and Info <https://www.facebook.com/Trinity-Students-144682988931130>
 - Reedsburg MOPS <https://www.facebook.com/ReedsburgMOPS>
 - YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnplrN4uNqJRGgkP1A4L1ng>
- **TBC Online Meetings** (Discovering Life, Leadership Council, Prayer Meetings, Annual Meeting, etc)
 - **Zoom.us | Meeting ID: 608-524-5388 | Password: s3205**
(Typical Meeting ID. May vary for small groups or events.)
- **OnRealm.org/todayschurch**
 - Set up New Account at <https://onrealm.org/todayschurch>
 - Edit Your Profile Information (telephone, address, family photo)
 - Manage and View Your Giving
 - Download **Realm Connect Mobile App**
 - People Directory
 - View & Manage Your Giving & Pledges
- **Website** www.todayschurch.com
 - About > Our Staff
 - Email Contacts
 - Connect

- Adults / Children / Students
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Missions – Connect w/TBC Active Missionary Partners
- Events
- Sermon Library
 - **Discovering Life Class Recordings & Resources**
- Members >
 - Live Stream & Latest Message
 - **Discovering Life Class Recordings & Resources**
 - Featured Events
 - TBC Master Calendar / Welcomers Schedule
 - Announcement Blog / Weekly Bulletin
- Giving
 - Ways to Give – Multiple Options
 - OnRealm.org Link to View & Manage Giving
 - Other Ways to Give
 - Amazon Smile
 - ChristianBook
 - Thrivent Choice Dollars & Action Teams
- **Church Building Tour**
 - **Bulletin Boards** - Students, Current Events, Missions & Small Groups
 - **Connections Center** / Literature rack
 - **T-Mail** – Giving Statements, Membership Mtg Notices, Cards, Etc
 - **Promiseland / Students / PEC Program** (Protecting Everyone in Church)
 - **Staff Offices**
 - **Conference Room – Discovering Life Part 2**
- **Visit with Pastor** - Pastor Mike is always available if you have any questions or care to discuss anything in further detail. Feel free to contact the office to schedule a time (524-3388).

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