



**December 31, 2023**  
10:30 AM Worship Service

**Today's Message:**

"I Am the True Vine"

**John 15:1-17**

Greg Granger

**Our Mission Statement**

Trinity Baptist Church exists to: **bring** people to the love and grace of Jesus Christ, **disciple** them to be His obedient followers, **equip** them to be sent, and **send** them into His service here and around the world, according to **Matthew 28:18-20**.

**What's Happening at Trinity**

- Join us in the Fellowship Hall for **refreshments** after today's service.
- Ladies, join us this Tuesday, January 2, for the monthly **Women's Prayer Meeting**.
- Thanks to all who donated toward the special **Christmas offering**; \$845 has come in so far. The money will go toward property management and help address a very long to-do list that will help our building get in better shape.
- A few of our activities are taking a **break for the holidays**: Monday morning prayer, Men's Tuesday morning Bible Study, the "Discovering the Glorious Gospel" Bible Study, and Youth Group. They will resume starting the week of January 8. We'll still have our Wednesday night prayer time and Friday night Bible Studies.
- Listen to sermons, view sermon notes, or make a one-time or recurring gift via **Trinity's app** by downloading it here: [ourtrinityfamily.com/app](http://ourtrinityfamily.com/app).
- **Let's help keep each other healthy!** If you and/or someone in your household are sick, especially with a fever, cough, or other COVID symptoms or have been advised to quarantine, please stay home and watch the service online or call our sermon line.

**Financial Snapshot of General Offering**

**Four ways to give:** 1. Put your donation in one of the black donation boxes on the back wall. 2. Send it by mail. 3. Visit [ourtrinityfamily.com/give](http://ourtrinityfamily.com/give). 4. Use TBC's app.

Tithes and offerings received December 24..... \$696.00  
 Net income (minus 10% church tithe for global and local outreach)..... \$626.40  
 Net tithes and offerings received month-to-date..... \$10,230.30  
 Net tithes and offerings needed monthly for budget..... \$12,783.00

**Prayer Requests**

- **Betty James' sister-in-law, Donna Huff**, has lung cancer and her chemo treatment is not working. They are exploring other treatment options.
- Please pray for **Betty James' grandniece Wendy**. Her cancer has returned and she's back on chemo.
- Pray for **Diane Lynch** as she continues her cancer treatments. Pray for healing for the back pain she is experiencing.
- **Bruce New** shows no sign of cancer. Please continue to pray for Bruce and Cherie, for his full recovery, and for strength.
- Please be in prayer for **Mary Ogimachi** as she continues her treatment for cancer.
- **Lois Oaks** is doing well as she adjusts to assisted living. Pray she continues to improve.
- Continue to pray for **Barbara Coulter's** back. She is thankful for the improvement that she's seen since the surgery.
- Leader of the Week: **Paul Ellis, TBC Elder**.
- Church of the Week: **New Life Community Church, Palm Desert**.
- Please pray for the **Coachella Valley**.
- December Partner: **Unreached People Groups**.
- January Partners: **Otto and Ruth Echeverria**.
- Please pray for our government officials: **Indio City Councilmembers: Glenn Miller, Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Ortiz, Lupe Ramos Amith, Mayor Waymond Fermon, Elaine Holmes**.

**Two Ways to Share Prayer Requests**

1. Text your request to: 760-895-8845. Sign up by texting TBCINDIO to 84576.
2. To add a request in this column, call or email us via the "Contact Us" info below. Requests run 4 weeks unless renewed.



**Weekly Prayer Meetings and Bible Studies**

Day	Time	Event	Location
<b>Sundays</b>	10:15 AM 10:30 AM	Prayer Time Trinity Kids ( <i>For ages 4 - 5<sup>th</sup> grade</i> )	Front Office Upstairs
<b>Mondays</b>	7:00 AM	Prayer Time	<b>Resumes 1/8</b>
<b>Tuesdays</b>	8:00 AM 6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study: <i>Pursuit of Holiness</i> <i>Discovering the Glorious Gospel</i>	<b>Resumes 1/9</b> <b>Resumes 1/9</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays</b>	6:00 PM	Monthly Women's Prayer Meeting	Fellowship Hall
<b>Wednesdays</b>	6:30 PM	Prayer Time and Worship Practice	Sanctuary
<b>Thursdays</b>	6:30 PM	Youth Group	<b>Resumes 1/11</b>
<b>Fridays</b>	6:00 PM 6:00 PM	Women's Discipleship Group Men's Discipleship Group	Fellowship Hall Fellowship Patio

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**Recorded Sermon Line: 760-342-3032**

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## E-mail from our Global Partners in France Alain and Carol Larrey

December 20, 2023

Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas!

Thank you for praying! Alain's conference "Israël à la lumière de la Bible" went smoothly. In fact, it wasn't intended for evangelization, so the invitations with the Israeli flag didn't draw problems. The church of Brignoles had just invited sister evangelical churches. After the meeting, several asked if he could come back and present the subject in their church...



At the Christmas program last Sunday the children's play took the title: "A Christmas Tree Unlike Any Other" portraying a family who is unhappy because the last Christmas tree had been sold. So they prayed and during the night the son had the idea of putting one together with leftover branches. The family was so happy, they thanked the Lord for this answer to prayer...but then the father said something like...why make such a big deal over a Christmas tree? Which is more important: this tree or the one

where Christ gave His life for our salvation?! In the pictures you'll see in the background a wall in the shape of a Christmas tree. Some of the littlest kids had the great pleasure of knocking it down...And what appeared? The cross, all nicely lit up! Yes, **Christmas is all about Christ!** The children then sang two songs that were just great...with lots of vigor and joy.



We also enjoyed hearing the "street singers," the group who had sung in downtown Pau a few days earlier. They presented their favorite songs and shared that they had been able to have pertinent conversations with several new people. Christmas gives lots of great opportunities to present salvation!

The church was packed with friends and relatives invited by the children. One little girl made a dessert to serve after the program. She had the idea of using corn flakes and melted chocolate! You'll see in the picture how nicely it turned out. Praise the Lord for these young hearts that already look to serve the Lord in different ways.



May the Lord bless you and yours during this Christmas season as we are reminded of the reason for the season...!

**Luke 2:10-11** "The angel said to them, I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you, He is the Messiah, the Lord."

Yours in Christ,  
Alain and Carol Larrey  
French-American Baptist Mission



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## The Significance of the Vine

### 1. The Usage of the Vine in the OT

- a. Vines represented Israel. **Hosea 10:1, Psalm 80:8, Isaiah 5:1-8**
- b. Choice vines are symbolic of how God created Israel—a wild vine signifies rebellion and produces wild gourds. **2 Kings 4:40**
- c. Vine and fig trees together represent promised blessings of God. **Malachi 3:1**
- d. Sitting under your own vine and fig tree refers to times of peace and tranquility. See **Micah 4:4, 1 Kings 4:25, Zechariah 3:10**
- e. A withered vine represents God’s judgment. **Joel 1:12**
- f. A vine yielding its fruit represents hope. **Zechariah 8:12**
- g. Enemies of Israel are called the “vine of Sodom.” **Deuteronomy 32:32**
- h. Proverbs used vineyards to describe both lazy people and an excellent wife. **Proverbs 24:30-31, Proverbs 31:16**
- i. Jonah even had a vine that grew over him. See **Jonah 4:6-10**

### 2. The Usage of the Vine in the NT

- a. The laborers in the vineyard. **Matthew 20:1-16**
- b. The two sons. **Matthew 21:28-32**
- c. The tenants. **Matthew 21:33-41, Mark 12:1-9, Luke 20:9-16**
- d. The barren fig tree. **Luke 13:6-9**
- e. Jesus uses the fruit of the vine to illustrate the coming kingdom. **Matthew 26:29, Mark 14:25, Luke 22:18**



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1. A withered vine represents God’s judgment (**Joel 1:12**) and a vine yielding fruit represents hope. **Zechariah 8:12**
2. The vine is pruned, prepared, and preserved for the next season of growth and fruit production.
3. Jesus is emphasizing the redemptive power and purification that comes through the teaching and work of Christ.
4. Jesus is commanding His disciples to abide in Him.
5. Apart from Jesus, we can do nothing. Jesus sustains us while the Father prunes us.
6. To abide in Christ is to maintain a close, continuous, and reliant relationship with Jesus.
7. Those who abide in Christ and have the Word(s) of Christ dwell within them are promised communion and provision from Christ.
8. Those who bear much fruit prove to be disciples of Christ, and thus glorify the Father.
9. We receive Fatherly tenderness through The Vine.
10. By obedience to Christ’s Commands, we abide in His love.
11. True joy (or joy made full) is found in living a life that is aligned with Jesus' teachings and in maintaining a close relationship with Him.
12. Whether you’re in a season of loss, new growth, or producing fruit, abide in Christ and rely upon Him.



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