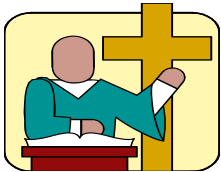


### *Vision Statement*

Our vision is to be more than a refuge; it is to be a revitalizing community where all may be saved, healed, strengthened, and equipped to go into the world on active mission for our Lord Jesus Christ.

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## **“Be Careful When You Open Your Bible”**

by Dr. Ryan Wilson

**"Do not look for shortcuts to God. The market is flooded with surefire, easygoing formulas for a successful life that can be practiced in your spare time. Do not fall for that stuff, even though crowds of people do. The way to life - to God! - is vigorous and requires total attention."** Matthew 7:13-14, The Message

Mark Tidsworth, President of Pinnacle Leadership Associates wrote, "I did a dangerous thing again. Ever have one of those things that you know will disturb you and yet you can't look away, or put it down, or ignore it? It's like a scary movie you want to walk away from, yet you are hooked. You have to see what happens. Well, that's what happens with this one particular book - the Holy Bible.

I mistakenly picked it up recently, forgetting the warning in small print above, and skimmed over the gospels. I was not at work, so my professionalism was lowered, making me more personally vulnerable to shots from those pages.

The pictures painted of Jesus were the most disturbing. First, he didn't seem to understand the systemic economic and social dynamics that imprisoned people in dire circumstances. He spent much of his waking time, going about, doing good with individuals. Healing, feeding, forgiving, accepting, etc. He looked out over Jerusalem, with a tear running down, and compared himself to a mother hen (lack of dignity). Jesus seemed to think that raising individuals up out of their mess was a worthy use of his time.

Another picture painted therein of Jesus disturbs me. He was highly confrontational with religious people, actually blaming them for systemic and social dynamics that imprison others in dire circumstances. He did not attack the occupying political entity (Rome), but focused his challenge on the oppressive religious system that did not address real life human concerns and conditions. He challenged their personal actions, structures, and religious culture. Didn't he know they were good people, simply trying to do what God wants?

And then, to cap it all off, Jesus is so radically generous with grace. The people he forgives aren't even clear on who he is. They don't have a correct understanding or solid belief before he forgives them. They are not very deserving of grace. In addition, Jesus acts like he could never give all the grace he has away! He doesn't ration it or only give it when conditions are just right. Jesus lives large.

What's this book rated? Where are the disclaimers? People could get into trouble reading this kind of literature. Our world would go nuts if people really lived this way. I'm afraid to pick the thing up again. I think I'll wait until I have others with me to help cushion the blows. You be careful too with that book."

Tidsworth thinks that this disclaimer statement should be in the preface of every Bible: *"The writers and printers of this book take no responsibility for the actions of readers after exposure to the images, concepts, people, and teachings contained herein. All claims due to discomfort and lifestyle disruption will be denied, while all stories of abundant life, deeper meaning, and wild abandon with grace will be celebrated. No discounts, special offers or protections apply - all readers are equally in danger. Reader discretion is advised. Proceed at your own risk."*

Let all who have ears hear!

Ryan

As we see God's beautiful world He created, our hearts and voices are praising Him for His love and "For the Beauty of the Earth." We have the opportunity to hear a special recital, given here at Trinity on Saturday, May 1, at 6:30 by Shanelle Woods. She graduated from Seneca High and also from Charleston Southern University with a Bachelor of Arts in Music Performance. This recital is in partial fulfillment of requirement for an Artist Certificate from CSU. Plan to come and enjoy her musical talents.

During the month we will be looking forward to celebrating our children's achievements through missions and music as they complete another school year. They have learned so much from their special leaders. They have visited those who are in assisted living, singing and sharing their time with them. They will be sharing with us on Wednesday night May 26. Their leaders have taught them so much through music and missions. I know your hearts were blessed by their musical, "The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit." They learn so much about Biblical characters through these musicals they present each year. Thank you, children, parents, and ALL the leaders. Ms. Laura always gives her all to our children through love and music. She could not do it without her dedicated workers and willing children and parents.

We will be having Graduation Sunday on May 30. That is always a day of celebration for our graduates. Walker Evans is our only senior this year. You will remember that he spoke for youth Sunday and blessed our hearts with his message. Garrison Scruggs gave his God story that touched all of our hearts. Our youth choir sang so beautifully and are preparing for their choir tour for June. We have a very talented group of youth and wonderful leadership for them through Karon in choir and Darren as their youth minister. Thank you, parents, for supporting your youth and encouraging them to participate in Bible study and musical opportunities. They are making memories that will carry them into adulthood.

Keep a song in your heart! Jo

Tony Vincent

Minister of Christian Education

888-7535

#### **Washington DC Mission and Education Immersion Signup Now!**

Sign up today for our third trip to Washington, August 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. We will sleep on the floor of Calvary Baptist Church and work with various agencies within the city, showing Christ's love and care for all of God's people. If you want more information or have any questions, see Tony. For now, only sign up if you haven't been on this trip, so that as many new people can go as possible. There will most likely be room for returners to sign up in a few weeks!

#### **Essentials Conference at the CBF General Assembly, June 25-26**

This summer holds a unique opportunity for our church leaders to travel to Charlotte, experience part of CBF's annual General Assembly, and attend a two day workshop focused on a specific area of study. Sunday School teachers, deacons, various committee members are all invited to attend and learn from some of the best teachers in their areas about growing as a leader and a teacher. There is information about signing up on the Christian Education bulletin board; take note that financial assistance is available through the Christian Education Committee!

[www.thefellowship.info/assembly](http://www.thefellowship.info/assembly)

#### **What I'm Reading**

Quite often when I'm talking with someone at church and I mention a book that I'm reading, the person will say "ooh, that sounds good, let me read it!" So, from time to time here, I'm going to tell you about what I'm finishing or about to begin. If you ever want to borrow my book, or need me to help you find your own, let me know! Don Miller's newest book [A Million Miles in A Thousand Years](#), an introspective on telling the story of his life, will be my next book. I'm currently reading Diana Butler Bass's commentary on the local church [Christianity for the Rest of Us](#). Her story is one that we at Trinity need to hear!

**Children**

May is here and summer is just around the corner. If your child plans to go to Camp Prism, which is a camp for our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders, please make sure that you pay a \$50 deposit and turn in a registration form by May 2. The total cost of camp for early bird registrants is \$135. If you pay your deposit and register after May 2, the total cost of camp is \$160. The deadline to register for the camp is May 30. Hopefully, you have received information in the mail outlining all of this information.

Our kids have their last mission trip of the school year on May 12. We will be visiting Lila Doyle. I will have sign-up sheets for adult chaperones and drivers on our children's ministry board. Also, our kids will have their Music and Missions night on May 26. Please plan to come and hear what the kids have learned in music and in missions education this year.

If you are interested in volunteering in our VBS this summer, check out our website to preview the volunteer needs and to sign-up. We are hoping to have around 70 volunteers this VBS to ensure that the VBS runs smoothly and we all have a great time! Trinity will be turned into Egypt with *Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace* during the week of June 28- July 2. Supper begins at 5:30 with VBS beginning at 6:00. We have a variety of opportunities where you can share your gifts and serve. If you can not be here as early as 5:30 or 6:00 pm, you can sign-up to be a shop keeper (a crafts leader). If you can not be here every night, we have something for you, too! Please see me for more information on how you can be a part of the excitement! You can register as a volunteer and you can register your child as a participant online by going to our children's ministry page on our website.

Don't forget the following summer dates:

June 6: Pool Party, 3:00- 6:00 pm

June 7-11: Sports Camp, for children who have completed kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 9:00-11:30 am

June 28- July 2: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace, 5:30-8:00 pm

July 13-16: Camp Prism, for children who have completed 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades

Grace and peace, *Jessica*

**Youth News****Darren Williams****985-3795****Parent Meeting, May 16 (4:00)**

On May 16, we will have a parent meeting in the fellowship hall to discuss the summer plans. Please bring a completed copy of the 2010-11 Emergency Medical Release Form, insurance cards, and deposits for all summer trips. If you did not receive a copy of the forms in the mail, you can go to the church website to download the forms or see Darren.

**Graduation Sunday, May 30**

We will honor our high school graduates on May 30 during the morning worship service. Please let Darren know if your child will be graduating and we will make arrangements for him or her to be recognized.

**Choir Tour and Mission Trip, June 11-15**

This year's choir tour has been a challenge to plan, but is well worth the effort. The trip will consist of both singing and missions. Friday through Sunday will be spent in the Atlanta area where we will have a fun activity plan for both Friday night and Saturday. We will sing at a location on Saturday morning and at a church on Sunday morning. Sunday evening through Tuesday we will be staying in Columbus, GA where we will lead a VBS for a local trailer park. Youth must attend choir practices in May in order to go on the trip. We will be staying in host homes while in the Atlanta area and in the Youth Activity Building while in Columbus. The cost of the trip is \$85.00 and will need to be paid by May 16. More details will be provided at the Parent Meeting.

**Appalachian Outreach, July 18-23**

Appalachian Outreach is a mission experience in Jefferson City, TN. Carson Newman College identifies families whose homes need repair in East Tennessee. Our church has worked with this organization for several years in the past. Many former youth have been transformed by their experience with A.O. We will also need adult workers to go, especially those that have construction experience. The cost for the trip is \$165.00.

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**WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS**

**DEACONS**

2-Stephen Scruggs 9-Jim Tagtmeyer 16-Glenda Condrey  
23-Gary Jones 30-Felicia LeRoy

**USHERS**

2&30-Gregg Davis, Gerry Dilworth, Jim Jackson, Frank Shaw,  
David Skyles, Jim Tagtmeyer  
9-Kent Norman, Dale Hopkins, Joe Robinson, Buddy Poole,  
John Vaught, Tom Shaver  
16-Tim Hydrick, Scott Foster, Chuck Middleton, Tony Williams,  
Greg Nimmons, Hazel McAlister  
23-Junior Bearden, Josh Barker, Will Derrick, Anthony Smith,  
John Fassino, Jason Crawford

**COUNTING COMMITTEE**

2-Josh Barker, Buddy Poole, Kent Norman  
9-Martin Hemphill, Greg Towe, Shirley Headapohl  
16-Pat Cromer, John Harbin, Jack Dodd  
23-Anthony Smith, Joe Robinson, John Fassino  
30-Wendy Evans, Hazel Smith, Jim Tagtmeyer

**SOUND SYSTEM**

2-Greg Towe 9-Anthony Smith 16-Al LeRoy  
23-Aaron Norman 30-Josh Barker

**SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP**

2-Gary Duncan 9-Jim Tagtmeyer 16-Johnny Fassino  
23-John Huston 30-Joe Robinson

**NURSERY**

2-John & Jamie Crum, Elizabeth Evans, Ginny Howell, John,  
Jill & Chelsea Huston, Jeff & Becky Nix, Morgan Townsend  
9-Cheryl Arledge, Keith & Debra Hart, Bruce & Jennifer  
Ramsey, Pam & Garrison Scruggs, Kay Wilson, Jessica Wright  
16-Josh & Sara Barker, Jason & Tracey Crawford, Barry &  
Michelle Duvall, Jessica & Ansley Gardner, Al & Jennifer  
Shadwick  
23-Emily Derrick, Susan, Anna & Austin Eades, Neil & Corry  
Fassino, Leigh O'Brien, Gail Rosier  
30-Kevin & Andrea Braner, Drew & Whitney Merck, Brian &  
Rebecca Sires, Brittany Towe, Elaine Turner, Kelley Williams  
Williams

**FLOWERS**

2-Mr. & Mrs. Steve Carwile 9-Anonymous  
16-Mr. & Mrs. Drew Merck 23-Mr. & Mrs. Bob Sprouse  
30-Mr. & Mrs. Francis Bell

***If you place flowers in the sanctuary and do  
not pick them up by Tuesday morning, they  
will be delivered to shut-ins.***

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

2-Jason Crawford & Julia Towe  
9-Brittany Towe & Kelley Williams  
16-Elaine Turner & Mary Grace Smith  
23-Al & Felicia LeRoy  
30-Becky Nix & Paige Quarles

**WEDNESDAY SUPPER MENUS**

5-Lasagna, tossed salad, garlic bread, corn dog  
12-Meatloaf, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, chicken  
nuggets  
19-Oven-fried chicken, potato salad, pimento cheese and peanut  
butter and jelly sandwiches  
26-BBQ, baked beans, cole slaw, hot dogs

**WEDNESDAY SUPPER SERVING CREW**

5-Francis Bell, Marie Massey, Dean & Becky Scruggs  
12-Betsy Burkett, Gary & Eileen Jones, Barbara Hopkins  
19-Glenda Condrey, Mike & Martha Hammett, Sue Laird  
26-Mac & Karen McMillin, Jim Miller, Jeanette Todd

**WEDNESDAY SUPPER CLEAN-UP CREW**

5-Sally Boyles, Steve Carwile, Jason Crawford, Layvonne  
Foster, John Huston, Charlie & Debbie Simmons  
12-Curtis & Susan Brock, Cherry Bell, Dale Hopkins, Ha-  
zel McAlister, John Thewlis, Tony Williams, Barbara Yuda  
19-Ron & Carla Gambrell, Al Shadwick, Frank Shaw, Judy  
Stancil, Joel Ward, Kay Wilson  
26-David Jeffcoat, Jim Miller, Pam Scruggs, Ashley &  
Tracy Stancil, Kay Wilson



**Staff Birthday**  
**Harold Rice—May 29th**



Wow! It is hard to believe that our Preschool year is just about over. The month of April was a very busy month. On April 13 we took our 4 and 5 year olds to ride the CAT bus. We rode to the Seneca McDonalds and had ice cream and played on the playground. The children really enjoyed this experience. We also took all the 3, 4 and 5 year olds to the Greenville Zoo on April 26 and 29.

May began with a bang. On May 1st the Preschool held a BBQ to raise money for renovations to our playground. Our proceeds will build a cover for the sandbox. The cover will provide much needed shade for the children during the hot summer months. Thank you to all who helped to support our BBQ.

May 7th will be our Mother's Day Tea. The children will honor their mothers in the fellowship hall. This is a special time for all moms and children. We do not forget about our dads, we treat them to doughnuts on May 14.

May 27th will be our End of Year Program and Kindergarten Graduation. This is the time of year that we showcase songs that the children have been learning all year. This year we will do a selection from our Chapel Time and our Music Class. Immediately following the music, the kindergarten will graduate. We will honor all the graduates and their families and guests to a reception immediately following graduation.

May 28th will be our last day of Preschool. We celebrate with a Water Day/Field Day. The children enjoy this time to wear swimsuits and play in the water. They especially enjoy wetting their teachers.

Good luck to all our students that will be moving on to public school. We will miss them!

Our Summer Fun Program will begin on June 7. If anyone has a child or knows of a child that would be interested, please contact the Preschool office by May 7. We have a fun filled summer planned for our children.

Please continue to pray for the preschool and the staff. Thanks for all your support.

*Susan Brock*  
Preschool Director



**LLL** will leave the church at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, to go to the Cradle of Forestry and have lunch in Brevard, N.C.

Please sign-up on the sheet located on the senior adult bulletin board.

## Trinity on Missions

Did you read the Seneca Journal's series on changes in church life? Those contributing said that we Christians are losing ground and if we don't make some changes, in a generation the church as we know it may disappear. I hope that concerns you.

What changes is Trinity making to meet the challenges of this 21<sup>st</sup> century? Your Trinity on Mission team has identified many projects that serve Seneca, Oconee County, SC and the whole world. Your Trinity on Mission team believes that the future of the church is in taking being

missional seriously. Yet, when we've asked for support for these opportunities the response is weak. At our committee meetings we ask "Why?" and wonder what it would take to get the attention of more of the Trinity membership.

Why? Dr. Daniel Vestal, CBF Executive Coordinator, preaching at Trinity last year, observed that many of us grew up with the idea that salvation was a once-in-a-lifetime experience and that service was an afterthought. I confess I was a Christian for a long time before I realized that God had saved me from the hell of meaninglessness to a task of serving the world. I suspect others of us need to be rescued from a stagnant faith that is about heaven later, rather than being the presence of Christ serving now. I invite you on behalf of a needy world and a loving Savior to allow your faith to grow to be service minded.

For a long time many of us thought missions was sending money to missionaries. That's a good start, but now we know we need to follow our gifts into the ministry by giving ourselves and our time. On April 22-23 we met with other Cooperative Fellowship Baptists, whose main focus is on servanthood, and learned where Trinity's strong support is going and what the money is doing. You will soon have a special opportunity to invest your gifts in the CBF State Mission Offering – which goes beyond the amount that comes from the Trinity budget. Then make plans to follow with your time. It is not optional.

When the General Assembly of the national Cooperative Baptist Fellowship meets on June 23-26 in Charlotte, NC, we have another window into God's mission for us. Tony Vincent has asked many of Trinity's Christian educators to attend training there. In CBF we do mission to the world as the name implies, cooperatively. This means we get more bang for our buck by not doing everything by ourselves – working with other Christian denominations and even other faiths to answer God's call to serve. Come, hear God's call!

As a congregation, we have a personal stake in this assembly because Mac and Karen McMillin's daughter, Christie McMillin-Goodwin, moderator of South Carolina CBF this year, will be installed as the national moderator.

Trinity on Mission is a clearinghouse for service to God in Christ. Every Trinity member can be committed to the tasks. We look forward to even more service with you so that the work of God does not go unnoticed, nor disappear in a generation.

Dan Laird, Chair, Trinity on Mission