

WELCOME TO **DISCOVER TRINITY**



JOIN THE TBC  
*Family*

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## Our CORE VALUES:

*Jesus* is Central

Community is *Family*

*Worship* is a Lifestyle

Service is Our *Response*

# WELCOME

On behalf of the members of Trinity Baptist church, we would like to welcome you to our membership class. We are excited that you are here and desire to get to know you better. It is our hope that this class will help you learn more about our history, beliefs, life, and mission, and discover what it means to be a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Membership at TBC is about belonging to a family of believers. More than that, membership is about a commitment to the church — the body of Christ. We place a high value on church membership because we believe that membership matters. People function better through a clear understanding of expectations. We believe church members connect, grow, and serve best when they have a clear understanding of the identity and mission of the church.

Thank you for attending and for investing your time to find out more about our church family. Please know that we are praying for you as you pursue God's direction in church membership. Let us know if we can answer any further questions or offer any help.

**Jamin Grubbs**

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# JESUS IS CENTRAL

*"For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together."*

*Colossians 1:16-17*

**The GOSPEL** is the good news about what Jesus Christ has done to reconcile sinners to God.

**GOD** God is the creator of all things.

*"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1*  
He is perfectly holy, worthy of all worship, and will punish sin. (1 John 1:5, Rev. 4:11, Rom. 2:5-8).

**MAN** All people, though created good, have become sinful by nature. (Gen. 1:26-28, Ps. 51:5, Rom. 3:23). From birth, all people are alienated from God, hostile to God, and subject to the wrath of God (Eph. 2:1-3).

**CHRIST** Jesus Christ, who is fully God and fully man, lived a sinless life, died on the cross to bear God's wrath in the place of all who would believe in him, and rose from the grave in order to give his people eternal life (John 1:1, 1 Tim. 2:5, Heb. 7:26, Rom. 3:21-26, 2 Cor. 5:21, 1 Cor. 15:20-22).

God calls everyone everywhere to repent of their sins and trust in Christ in order to be saved (Mark 1:15, Acts 20:21, Rom. 10:9-10).

We are a community centered on the *Gospel of Jesus Christ* that connects people to God and one another.

# JESUS IS CENTRAL

## ABOUT TBC

### History

Trinity Baptist Church's history is marked by numerous lives transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ, the service of many faithful members, pastors, and staff, and over seventy years of gospel impact in this local community and beyond. While the church has faced a variety of challenges along the way, God's goodness, protection, guidance, and work continues to be made evident. Trinity Baptist Church's commitment to advance the gospel and make disciples of Jesus Christ remains the same as that prayed for many years ago in the home of T.J. Adcock.

Read more at [tbctrinity.org/history](http://tbctrinity.org/history)

### Identity

Trinity Baptist Church is an evangelical Christian, congregational, Baptist church. Our statement of faith provides detail for why each of these names describe our church.

### Mission

Trinity Baptist Church exists to glorify God by making disciples of Jesus Christ.

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### Statement of Faith

Trinity Baptist Church aligns with the Baptist Faith and Message 2000, and this serves as our statement of faith.

You can learn more about our specific beliefs at [tbctrinity.org/beliefs](http://tbctrinity.org/beliefs)

# COMMUNITY IS FAMILY

*“So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,”*  
*Ephesians 2:19*

## MINISTRIES

The ministries of TBC are all about \_\_\_\_\_. We want every person at TBC to have a place to learn and grow, as we provide pathways to share the gospel and serve others.

### Ministries at TBC:

- Nursery/Preschool (Birth - Kindergarten)
- Children (1st - 4th)
- Preteens (5th & 6th)
- Students: Middle School (7th & 8th) / High School (9th - 12th)
- College & Young Adults (ages 18-26)
- Women
- Men
- Young at Heart (Adults, 50+)
- Discipleship/Small Groups
- Worship & Music
- Media, Tech, & Communications
- Fellowship
- Connections
- Transportation
- Building & Grounds
- Support & Member Care

## GROUPS

One of the BEST places for you to grow in your walk with Christ is in a \_\_\_\_\_. We'd love to help you find a group where you'll be encouraged, held accountable, and welcomed among other believers. You can find a list of our current groups at **[tbctrinity.org/grouplist](http://tbctrinity.org/grouplist)**

# WORSHIP IS A LIFESTYLE

*I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

*Romans 12:1-2*

## BIBLICAL WORSHIP

Knowing Jesus shapes how we \_\_\_\_\_.

As we dive into God's Word, we encounter Jesus, the King at the center of everything. We learn His teachings and adapt our lives to follow His path, especially within the supportive community of the local church. This deeper understanding of Jesus reveals our purpose, the "why" behind our existence.

Worship becomes a \_\_\_\_\_ to this journey of discovery.

Through God's Word, we recognize our own shortcomings. We meet Jesus and the amazing grace of the gospel – his life, death, and resurrection that offer salvation. This encounter leads us to worship – a worship restored by Jesus himself. It's a beautiful connection: the saving God revealed in the gospel, the church built on that gospel message, and the world yearning for its light.

## GIVING

Giving is an \_\_\_\_\_ of acknowledging that everything belongs to God, that he has given you all that you have, that he will provide for your needs, and that he wants to bless you and lead you into a closer walk with him.

Scripture is clear that we are to give \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Cor 9:7), within our means (2 Cor 8:12), and in \_\_\_\_\_ to God's immeasurable gift to us of his Son (2 Cor 8:9). We are called, then, to be sacrificial in our giving, as God has been to us. Often this is not easy, and requires us to continually seek God's will for our finances and obey his leading.

# WORSHIP IS A LIFESTYLE

As we journey together towards becoming committed disciples of Christ, we invite you to give \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to see lives transformed by the gospel in our community and around the world.

As you are faithful in your giving, we want you to know that church leadership is committed to pursuing transparency, accountability, integrity, and excellence in stewarding the resources God has entrusted to us.

*Speaker Note: "Each month we review and analyze finances to direct the mission of our church. Each year, with the input of our ministry leaders, metrics from present and past performance, and much prayer, we present a budget to the congregation for review, questions, and approval. This annual budget is a reflection of our mission to glorify God by making disciples of Jesus Christ, and the plans we prepare to carry out that mission."*

## Ways To Give

- At TBC during Sunday Groups, in the Worship Service, or in the Offering Box at the Next Steps Hub.
- Online through the church's website or on the app: **tbctrinity.org/give**

*Here there is an option of giving a one-time gift or setting up a recurring gift using your bank account or debit card.*

- By mail: P.O. Box 70, Trinity, AL 35673

## Your Faithful Giving Enables (refer to full list/speaker notes on next page)

- Church Ministry

*Next generation ministries, worship, discipleship, and member care*

- Missions and outreach

*Food pantry, Power Packs for Kids, Vacation Bible School, Service Projects, Local/National/International partnerships, the SBC Cooperative Program*

- Church facilities, operations, and personnel
- Overseas Missions Projects and Partnerships

*A copy of TBC's annual budget is included with the resources.*

## **Speaker Notes (Full List)**

### **Your Faithful Giving Enables**

#### Church ministry:

Nursery/Preschool  
Children  
Students  
College-age  
Worship & Music  
Spanish  
Discipleship/Small Groups  
Member Care

#### Missions and outreach

SBC Cooperative Program  
Food Pantry  
Power Packs for Kids  
Benevolence  
Community service projects  
Vacation Bible School

#### Missions partnerships

Committee on Church Cooperation  
Neighborhood Christian Center  
Tennessee Valley Outreach Center  
Decatur Sav-A-Life Pregnancy Center  
Alabama Baptist Children's Home  
National partnerships  
International partnerships

#### Additional

Church facilities & operations  
Church personnel  
Oversee Mission Projects

# WORSHIP IS A LIFESTYLE

## BIBLICAL CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The case for church membership is nowhere argued in the New Testament, but everywhere assumed. It is seen in the nature of salvation, in the commands given to Christians, in the relationship between Christians and their leaders, and in the nature of the church itself.

### Why Church Membership

- The call to \_\_\_\_\_ is also a call to church membership.  
(*1 Peter 2:5*)
- Church membership is also implied in the \_\_\_\_\_ given to Christians.  
(*Heb. 10:25, 1 Cor. 12:7, Eph. 4:12*)
- Believers are also commanded to hold one another \_\_\_\_\_.  
(*1 Cor. 5:11-12*)
- The necessity of church membership is seen in the reciprocal relationships of \_\_\_\_\_ and their \_\_\_\_\_.  
(*1 Thes. 5:12-13, Hebrews 13:17*)
- The biblical idea of church membership is rooted in the image of the church as a \_\_\_\_\_.  
(*1 Cor. 12, 1 Corinthians 6:15-17, Ephesians 5:30*)
- Another way of understanding church membership is in light of the church as an outpost or \_\_\_\_\_ of the kingdom of God.  
(*Phil. 3:20; 1 Pet. 2:11, Eph. 2:19, Matt. 18:18*)
- Another New Testament image of the church is that of a \_\_\_\_\_.  
(*Gal. 6:10; Eph. 2:19; 1 Tim 3:15*).

# WORSHIP IS A LIFESTYLE

## Requirements for Membership

Trinity Baptist Church requires the following aspects for membership:

1. Personal saving faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ
2. Follow in believer's baptism by immersion
3. Transfer of membership from another church of like faith and order
4. Receive congregational affirmation

## Responsibilities of Members

Church members are to love, forgive, bear with, pray for, watch over, encourage, teach, admonish, build up, and serve one another in a variety of ways.

- Participate in the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the church by regularly attending the weekly worship service, engaging in small group Bible study, and serving those inside and outside the church.
- \_\_\_\_\_ cheerfully, faithfully, and generously, financially supporting the work of the gospel through this local church.
- Protect the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church by acting in love towards other members, refusing to gossip, and following pastoral leadership.
- \_\_\_\_\_ to following Jesus with the help of the Holy Spirit as you \_\_\_\_\_ the Bible, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ with other believers.

# SERVICE IS OUR RESPONSE

*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*

*Ephesians 2:10*

## SERVING AT TBC

There are various ways that you can be a part of serving at TBC. Refer to page 4 for a list of ministries at TBC. Visit [tbctrinity.org/servelist](http://tbctrinity.org/servelist) for a full list of ways to serve. **Sign up to serve in the TBC app.**

## MISSIONS + OUTREACH

In Acts 1:8, Jesus tells his disciples to be his witnesses in their communities and all over the earth. These words drive us to do the same. Through missions and outreach, Trinity Baptist Church works to make an impact for Christ in our local community, state, nation, and throughout the world.

Here are some of the ways we engage in missions and outreach:

### Local

- Hands of Hope/Food Pantry
- Power Packs for Kids
- Community service projects
- Benevolence
- Vacation Bible School
- Local partnerships
  - Morgan County Baptist Association
  - Committee on Church Cooperation
  - Neighborhood Christian Center
  - Tennessee Valley Outreach Center
  - Decatur Sav-A-Life Pregnancy Center
  - Alabama Baptist Children's Home
  - Michael Mason Evangelistic Ministry

### National

- Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions
- North American Missions through SBC Cooperative Program
- Phil Lawrence Native American Ministry
- National mission projects/trips

### International

- International Missions through SBC Cooperative Program
- Charlie & Robin Janney - Mexico
- Sara Gaglione - Venezuela
- Jonathan and Lindsey Macklin - Zambia
- International Mission projects/trips

# SERVICE IS OUR RESPONSE

## **PASTORAL LEADERSHIP**

As church leaders, we are entrusted with protecting, leading, equipping, and caring for the corporate church body and each individual member.

We are committed to:

- Faithfully teach, preach, instruct, and counsel from the whole of Scripture
- Give attention to the members' spiritual growth and care
- Pray for the corporate church body and each of its members
- Equip the members for the work of ministry
- Set an example in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity
- Steward church resources to the best of their ability
- Join the other members in fulfilling the responsibilities of church membership

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# NEXT STEPS



## Pray

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.”  
Ephesians 6:18 (NIV)



## Join the Family

We will help guide you through the process of formally joining Trinity Baptist Church as a member. This may include learning more about continued discipleship or baptism. Or it may mean being presented to the congregation for affirmation. Either way, we'll help you through each step.



## Commit

Being a member of Trinity Baptist Church is your way of saying, “I’m committed to the well-being of the members of this church family, to the church’s mission, and to the pastors’ shepherding in my life.” Commit to faithfully carrying out your biblical responsibilities as a member of this family.

Committing to membership means committing to:

- **Discipleship**

As a Christian, you are called to be a disciple. Discipleship is an intentional process to help those desiring to grow to encounter key biblical truths and practices that will help you grow in Christ and become a disciple who makes disciples. This happens in our groups and individually.

- **Small Group Bible Study**

Small groups are a way to connect to other people and build lasting relationships at TBC. Each Sunday morning groups for all ages meet to study God’s Word, pray and care for one another, and serve together.

- **Serving Others**

We believe that every follower of Christ has been gifted for ministry and that serving is vital for spiritual growth. Therefore, we encourage you to join others in serving the church body, our community, and beyond.

\*Some church service opportunities such as those related to leadership, teaching, children/students, and finances require aspects such as length of church membership, spiritual maturity, training, ability, background check, etc.

# COMMUNICATIONS

## Next Steps Hub

Located in the main foyer, the Next Steps Hub is a place for people to learn more about the church and how to get involved in its life and ministry. It is a place for questions, resources, and help from our Connect Hosts and church staff.

## Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY: Small Group Bible Study (babies - senior adults) 9:15am | Worship Service 10:30am

WEDNESDAY 6pm: ManGroup, WomanGroup, Students, Preteens, Bible Skills Drills & Thrills, Nursery

## DOWNLOAD OUR APP

Download the TBC APP by visiting [tbctrinity.org/app](http://tbctrinity.org/app) to stay connected.

Here are a few things that the TBC APP makes it easy to do:

- Watch livestreams & past services
- See announcements & upcoming events
- View the TBC Weekly
- Give Online
- Sign up for events
- Submit Prayer Requests
- Sign up to Serve
- Request Facility Use
- Read the Bible
- View Bible Reading Plans
- Take notes while watching sermons

## Social Media Links

You can find all of our social media links at [tbctrinity.org/social](http://tbctrinity.org/social)

## TRINITY WEEKLY

You can find our weekly update on our app or at [tbctrinity.org/weekly](http://tbctrinity.org/weekly). You can also visit that link to sign up for our weekly email update. Each week you'll find resources to help you prepare for the upcoming Sunday, updates with what's happening in the life of the church, and upcoming events.

## Church Office

If you have any questions or needs, contact us by phone (256-355-4801) or stop by the church office. The office is open Monday – Thursday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

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## Links

Learn more about the SBC Convention: [bfm.sbc.net/bfm2000](http://bfm.sbc.net/bfm2000)

Learn more about What We Believe: [tbctrinity.org/beliefs](http://tbctrinity.org/beliefs)

Learn more about TBC's Church History: [tbctrinity.org/history](http://tbctrinity.org/history)

Find our Full List of Groups: [tbctrinity.org/grouplist](http://tbctrinity.org/grouplist)

Find a Full List of Ways to Serve: [tbctrinity.org/servelist](http://tbctrinity.org/servelist)

