



The Trinity Breeze

HE Is Coming! Are You Ready?

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Psalm 51:10, 12



Can you believe Christmas is just around the corner? I love the Christmas Season and I love all that goes with it, except the *Shopping!* I dread searching for a parking space so I can fight my way through a crowded Big Box store, with a thousand other poor souls trying to find just the right gift for those they love, without breaking the bank. I am so glad that way back in the 4th century the Church came up with a season of preparation called "Advent."

Advent is a combination of two Latin words that mean "The Coming." It is a season of preparing ourselves to meet the Babe in the manger. A time to focus inwardly on our spiritual

lives. A time of repentance, prayer and focus on our relationship with God. Advent is a three dimensional season. It celebrates a past experience. God did come in Christ at Christmas. The prophets promise of a coming Savior was fulfilled in the Babe of Bethlehem. Advent is also a present experience. God may come to you this Christmas in terms of re-birth, either for the first time, or a renewed birth of a deeper relationship with the Christ of Christmas. Advent also has a future dimension. Christ will return unexpectedly at the end of the age as promised by God's Word. "He will come again with glory to judge the quick and the dead."

Since Advent promises the sure coming of the Lord, Its message is, "Prepare!" The Lord is coming whether the world is ready or not. For those unprepared, His coming means judgment. For those ready for His coming, it means salvation.

So How does advent suggest that we prepare?

First: Repentance - Pray, "Create in me a pure heart O God and renew a right spirit with in me."

Second: Prayer - Pray for the coming of Christ, for He shall save those who love Him.

Third: Patience - His coming may be delayed. Watch, Wait, be prepared, for His coming may be sudden.

I am so thankful for the season of Advent. It is our journey to Bethlehem and to the manger of the Christ Child. It prepares us spiritually for our meeting with the Prince of Peace, and it assures us that God has not forgotten us and will one day take those who are called by His name to be with Him forever and ever. Amen!

Have a Blessed Advent and Christ Centered Christmas!

Pastor Doug



Christian Ed Director Needed

Connie King is retiring to have more time to spend with her family and to move into a new chapter in her Christian walk.

So.... We are looking for someone she can train and turn over her position to. This is a 20 hour a week, paid position. A job description is available in the church office. Applications are to be sent to secretary@trinity-tlc.com.



2nd Sunday in Advent, December 4th**Pastor Doug****Joseph of Bethlehem "Selfless Humility"****Matthew 1: 18-24**

Ushers at Trinity: Team 1 - Ron Stephenson, Jack Busby, Fred Crowder, Doug Gehring, Carl Kuss, Del Long, Eric Rhodes, Jerry Whaley, Rick Coleman

3rd Sunday in Advent, December 11th**Pastor Dawn****Mary & Elizabeth "Our Need for Others"****Luke 1:39-56**

Ushers at Trinity: Team 2 - Robert Wilson, Warren Huntzinger, Bob Seybert, John Simmermon, Chuck Strange, Lee Tarvin, Jim Troutman, Steve Wilson

Christmas Cantata, December 11th**"God's Great Love"**

Ushers at Trinity: Team 3 - Laurie Bourke, Debbie Bunnell, Bonnie Miller, Tami Paddock, Donna Kay Stephenson, Deanna Cobb, Stacy Boles

4th Sunday in Advent, December 18th**Pastor Doug****From Nazareth to Bethlehem****"A Journey With God"****Luke 2:1-7**

Ushers at Trinity: Team 4 - George Likens, Steve Berninger, Bill Chase, Steve Clark, Woody Fields, Kurt Hettinga, Troy Smith, Jerry Thompson

Christmas Eve, December 24th**Pastor Doug**

Ushers at Trinity: Team 5- Brad Bunnell, Jim Anderson, Danny Barmes, Jimmie Howell, Dave Osza, Brian Mills, Scott Mills, Bob Stewart, Morris Hersberger

Christmas Sunday, December 25th**Pastor Doug****The Manger "God With Us"****Luke 2:8-20**

Ushers at Trinity: Team 6 - Lisa Conrad, Bart Conrad, Mike Clear, Sherri Clear, Ryan Eppert, Hilary Eppert, Mike Rusche, Heather Rusche

Cares and Concerns:

Naomi Baker, Bonnie Barmes, Louise Beanblossom, Kale Beer, Wilma Bodenhorn, Lauren Carter, Max Cecil, Lynda Clark, Trevor Cobb, Judy & Russ Day, Laura Doyon, David Drake, Mary Dickerson, Eryn Erwin, Sarah Erwin, R K Eliason, Marcille Eliason, Christine Farrell, Brad Forrer, Betty Frick, Leroy Harger, Florence Hawk, Jeane Hayden, Pauline & Lawrence Heiny, Harry & Henrietta Herron, Steve Holt - cancer treatments, John Houseman, Deb Holtzkorn, Joy Jennings, George & Evelyn Kachelein, Betty Lackey, Baby Faith Lehman, Fred Lubbe, Keith Lynch, Diana Morton, Dave Nicholson, Mike O'Neil, Scott Owens, Ron and Pat Plummer, Betty Putman, Carole Reed, Jay Lee Renbarger, Paige Richardson, Greg Robertson, CJ & Tara Rogers - baby boy Knox born with hole in heart, Dawne Sanzone, Eunice Shafer, Ethan Scott - Leslie Breece's grandson, Susan Smith - Rick Coleman's friend, Ava Spears, heather Stephenson, Marge Stephenson, Barb Stevenson, Bob Stewart, Tony Stewart's family, Amy Myers Stone, Sally Storms, Jay Strickler, Dave Sylvester, Marjorie Sylvester, Jeannine Terhune, Adel Toole, Betty Turner, Penny Willis, and Lena Wyant.

DEPLOYED: Kyle McCoy, Benjie Hopper, Murphy Hueston, Jake Kerns, Mike Bowman, Ryan Olech, David Cook, Steven Cook, & Jeremy May.

**"Soup For Souls" Fundraiser**

Christian men of Lapel will host and serve a soup dinner on **December 21st** at Lapel High School in the Commons Area before the basketball game. All proceeds go to the Lapel Food Pantry.

Lucille Raines: Christmas dinner for the residents of the Lucille Raines House will be served on Tuesday, **December 20th** at 6:00 pm. We are in need of the following items: soap, shampoo, hair spray, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, socks, gloves, toboggans, hats or any personal items you think they may need. (Mouthwash is not acceptable) We are also collecting twin sized blankets. Thank you for your generosity!

The FOOD PANTRY focus for **December** is:
Hamburger or Tuna Helper, Ketchup and Paper Products.

The Food Pantry is open for business :
The 2nd and 4th Friday from 9-12pm
Every Saturday from 9-12pm

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Methodist Church

Life Center

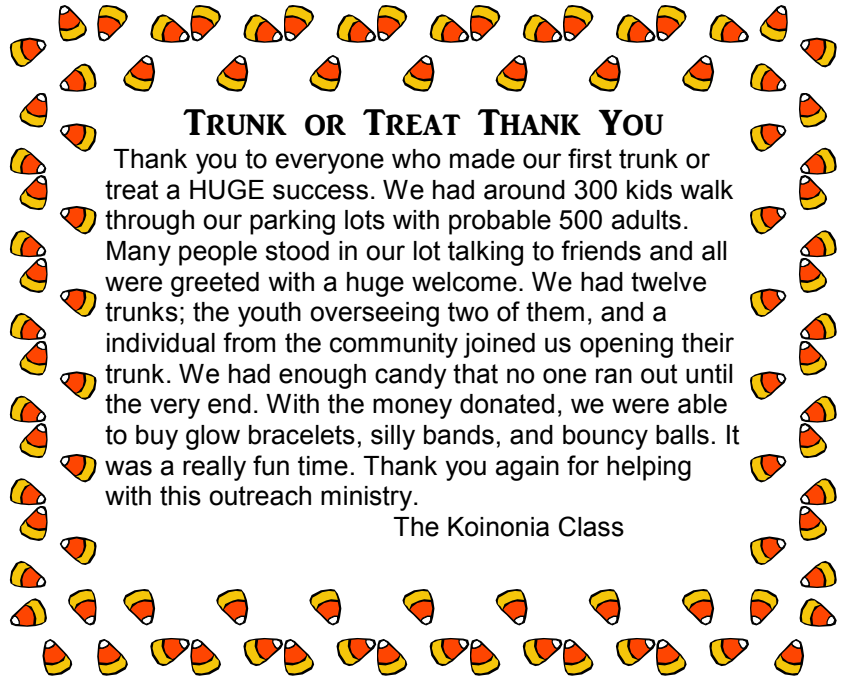


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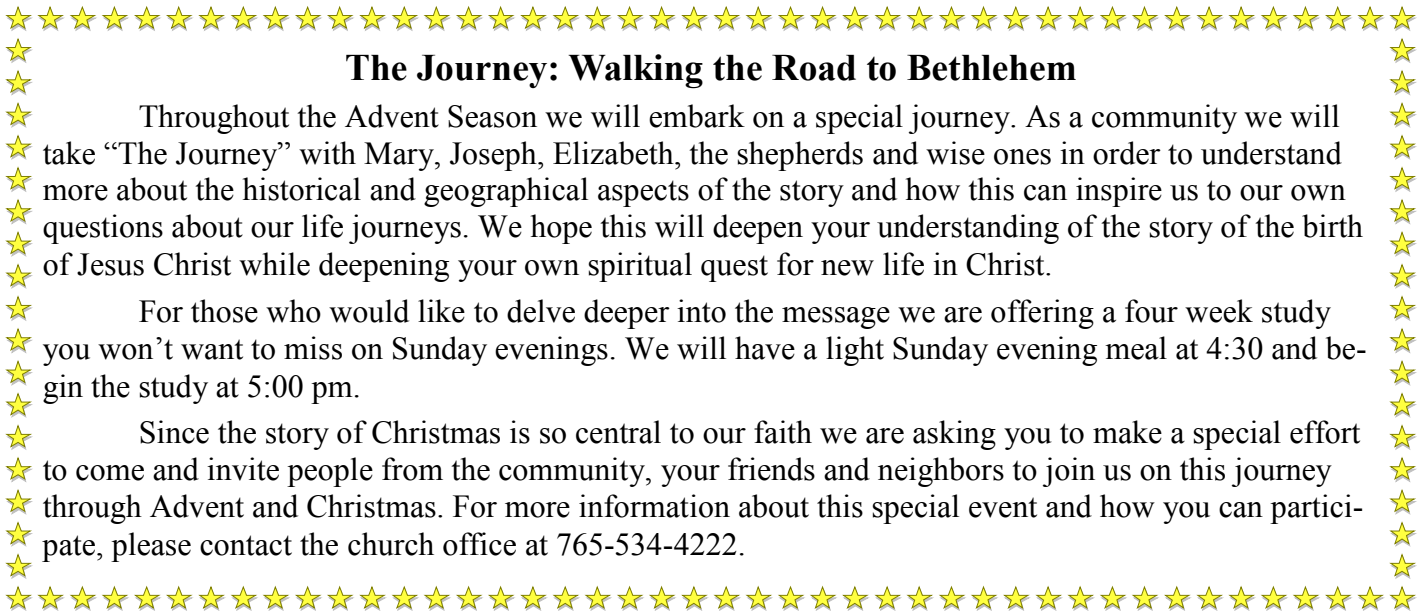
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TRUNK OR TREAT THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who made our first trunk or treat a HUGE success. We had around 300 kids walk through our parking lots with probable 500 adults. Many people stood in our lot talking to friends and all were greeted with a huge welcome. We had twelve trunks; the youth overseeing two of them, and a individual from the community joined us opening their trunk. We had enough candy that no one ran out until the very end. With the money donated, we were able to buy glow bracelets, silly bands, and bouncy balls. It was a really fun time. Thank you again for helping with this outreach ministry.

The Koinonia Class



The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem

Throughout the Advent Season we will embark on a special journey. As a community we will take "The Journey" with Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth, the shepherds and wise ones in order to understand more about the historical and geographical aspects of the story and how this can inspire us to our own questions about our life journeys. We hope this will deepen your understanding of the story of the birth of Jesus Christ while deepening your own spiritual quest for new life in Christ.

For those who would like to delve deeper into the message we are offering a four week study you won't want to miss on Sunday evenings. We will have a light Sunday evening meal at 4:30 and begin the study at 5:00 pm.

Since the story of Christmas is so central to our faith we are asking you to make a special effort to come and invite people from the community, your friends and neighbors to join us on this journey through Advent and Christmas. For more information about this special event and how you can participate, please contact the church office at 765-534-4222.

Financial Peace University

Get control of your money. Stop Struggling to make ends meet. Tell your money what to do. Change your family's future! These are things you will learn to do in Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University.

Doug Coverdale is continuing to serve God and our Church by leading this class which teaches how to get out of debt, stay out of debt, and build wealth.

There will be a preview class offered: December 18th at 6:00 pm. Classes will be held on Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm beginning January 8th, 2012.

You can learn more about Financial Peace University at daveramsey.com.

NEW PRE-SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Trinity Pre-School welcomes Mrs. Suzan Pierce as its new Director. Suzan comes to us with an extensive background in teaching and music.

Suzan is licensed/certified in Piano Pedagogy and Kindermusik from Butler University and University of Cincinnati and has a CDA from Ivy Tech. She has a vast amount of experience in developing and teaching multi age classrooms.

We look forward to her start date of December 1st and hope you will take the time to stop in and welcome her.