



JUNE 2024

TRINITY VISION

The Courage to Continue

(Note: I originally wrote this as a Pastor's Column for the newspapers that published my ramblings. It was written for the week of May 27, 2024. I think it contains a message we need to hear at Trinity. Brother Aaron)

In a speech given at Harrow School, on October 29, 1941, Winston Churchill said, "Success is not final, and failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts." He went on to say in that speech, "Never give in, never give in, never, never, never, never—in nothing, great or small, large, or petty. Never give in except to convictions of honour and good sense. Never yield to force; never yield to the apparently overwhelming might of the enemy."

I love the part of his quote that says, "It is the courage to continue that counts." On many occasions, I have admonished my church members to exercise great caution and compassion when greeting wayward church members who return to our services. Our natural tendency is to approach them with things like: "Where have you been? I've had to do your job while you've been gone!" "Well, it's about time the dead resurrected and got back into church!" "Man, I was about to send a posse to get you, and bring you back to church!" When in reality, the greatest victory they have won in a long, long time is simply walking through those church doors. They are spiritually battered, bruised, bloody, broken, and beaten. They have gone eighteen rounds with the devil – and lost every round. They do not need our judgmentalism. They need our love, understanding, support,

and praise because they somehow found the courage to continue.

The other day somebody asked me how I was doing. I answered, "Here." As they looked at me a little puzzled, I continued by asking them, "Do you remember being in grammar school when the teacher would call the roll and call your name?" They replied, "Yes." I continued, "And you answered either 'here' or 'present,' right?" Again, they replied, "Yes." I then explained to them that their answer revealed nothing about the obstacles they had to overcome to get there. It simply revealed that they were there. And sometimes, having the courage to continue and be where we are supposed to be - when we're supposed to be there - is the greatest victory we'll win all day!

I wish I could take credit for what I'm about to share regarding having the courage to continue, however, I cannot. Credit goes to a Facebook post by McKenzie Miller entitled: "41." It says, "In the Bible, it rained for 40 days and 40 nights. Day 41 came, and the rain stopped. Moses committed murder & hid in the desert for 40 years. Year 41 came, and God called him to help rescue Israel. Moses went up on the mountain for 40 days. On day 41, he received the Ten Commandments. The Israelites wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. In year 41, they walked into the Promised Land. Goliath taunted Israel for 40 days. Day 41 came, and David slew him. Jonah preached a message of repentance to Ninevah for 40 days. On day 41, God stopped His

plan to destroy them. Jesus fasted and was tempted for 40 days. Day 41, and the devil fled. After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples for 40 days. On day 41, He ascended into Heaven. All this to say - don't quit. The rain will stop, the giant will fall, and you will enter your 'Promised Land.' Don't give up at 40. 41 is coming!" (Ain't that good?)

I have a feeling that somebody reading this column today needs to hear the message it contains. You're the one who has gone eighteen rounds with the devil – and lost every one of them. You're spiritually bruised, battered, beaten, and bloody. You need to hear the encouragement in Winston Churchill's speech to, "Never give in, never give in, never, never, never, never—in nothing, great or small, large or petty ... never yield to force; never yield to the apparently overwhelming might of the enemy." What you need more than anything - is the courage to continue. So, reach out to God, grab a double handful of your faith, and buckle up, cause a forty-one is about to happen in your life! You just need to find the courage to continue!

Brother Aaron



CHURCH NEWS



Sunday School:



You are invited to join us in Sunday School at 9:15 am, each Sunday morning. Please feel free to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us. We look forward to seeing you.



Choir Notes:



MissionMakers:

Recently, a need in the community was brought to Teresa Farmer of a young mother who needed some help providing for her son. Many of you contributed to meeting her need for a washing machine in her home. Mission Makers will contact the Sunday School classes regarding some other needs that have been brought to our attention. We look forward to hearing from your class and how GOD would have you contribute. Mission Makers will be meeting on **June 18** at 11 am, in the old fellowship hall. We look forward to seeing you all then.

Thank you,
Iris & Sandra

Young At Heart:



Hello to all the Young at Heart.

Hello to all the Young at Heart. Come join me on **Thursday, June 13, 2024**, as we try out Roanoke's new restaurant, Smokey Mills BBQ & Grill. We will meet in the upper parking lot of the church at 11 am. Hope you will plan to attend.

Love you all,
Rhonda



Brother Tommy Jeter has rendered, and I accepted, his resignation as Youth Director. Please pray for him and Brenda as they seek their next ministry position. Also, please be much in prayer for the church leadership as they seek God's will and direction regarding the future direction of this ministry.

Brother Aaron



VOLUNTEERS

Deacon of the Month for May: Kevin Smith (334) 885-2401

Children's Church:

- Jun 02 Ann Marie Pruitt
- Jun 09 Mandi Greer
- Jun 16 Susan Smith
- Jun 23 Ginger Head
- Jun 30 Peggy Mitchum

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, please contact Peggy Mitchum or call another committee member and trade.

Counting Committee:

- Jun 02 Sandra Webb & Becky Hill
- Jun 09 Fred Hill & Matthew Mote
- Jun 16 Iris Shurick & Michelle Fetner
- Jun 23 Mandi Greer & Teresa Farmer
- Jun 30 Sandra Webb & Becky Hill

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, please call another committee member and trade. This is a vital service that needs to be covered each Sunday.

Flowers:

- Jun 02 Jacky & Dianne Warren
- Jun 09 In Memory of: Charles King, Richard Young, Elmer Fincher, & Ralph Gooden by Nina Rouse
- Jun 16 In Memory of Gilbert & Juliaette Marshall by Cindy Reese.
- Jun 23 In Memory of Hilton & Ann Wallace by Barbara Burroughs
- Jun 30 Prayers for a blessed and safe 4th of July.

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, please contact Terersa Farmer or call another committee member and trade.

Greeters:

- Jun 02 Tammy Ramsey
- Jun 09 Barbara Burroughs
- Jun 16 Teresa Cotter
- Jun 23 Dianne Warren
- Jun 30 Brenda Lee

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, please contact Terersa Cotter or call another committee member and trade.

Nursery Workers:

- Jun 02 Teresa & Keith Farmer
- Jun 09 Jessica Sprayberry & Madisyn Butler
- Jun 16 Millie Greer & Brenda Jeter
- Jun 23 Cindy Reese & Kylie King
- Jun 30 Mandi Greer & Claire Orr

If you are unable to serve on your designated day, please trade with another team member for that day. Please help us keep this vital ministry staffed.

Ushers:

- Jun 02 Allen Ramsey & Daniel Fetner
- Jun 09 Keith Farmer & David Harmon
- Jun 16 Harold Cotter & Daryl Harmon
- Jun 23 Michael Swann &
- Jun 30 Cody Cottle & Daniel Fetner

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, please contact Terersa Cotter or call another committee member and trade.

All Ministry Leaders:

If you would like to announce a meeting or upcoming event in the Church Bulletin or Newsletter, please get that information to Robin Reid a minimum of *two weeks* prior to the event. You may send it to her via email at: Trinity2@teleclipse.net or call her at (334) 863-8129.

Don't forget to check the mailboxes for the Ministry Leaders located in the Old Fellowship Hall Kitchen.

Church Prayer Team:

If you are interested in joining our Wednesday Morning **Prayer Team**, that meets every Wed. at 11:00am in the Old Fellowship Hall, please contact Bro. Aaron or the Church office. We'd love to have you join us.

Church Choir:

If you are you interested in joining the choir, they meet every Wed. evening at 7:30pm in the Choir Room. All are welcome. Please contact **Mandy Whaley** if you have any questions.



Sunday:

- 8:30-9am (EST) WTRP 620AM
- 8:30-9am (EST) WTRP 98.9FM
- 8:30-9am (EST) WRLA 1490AM
- 8:30-9am (EST) WRLA 92.3FM
- 8:30-9:30am (CST) WELR 102.3FM

Thursday:

- 11-11:30pm (CST) WELR 102.3FM

Friday:

- 1:30-2pm (CST) WBSA 1300AM
- 1:30-2pm (CST) WBSA 93.5FM
- 6-6:30pm (EST) WOAK 90.9FM

Internet:

Bro. Aaron's sermons may be heard at any time by going to: www.freshfireministries.com or www.tbcroanokeal.org and clicking "Media" and scrolling down and clicking on 'Brother Aaron's Sermon Archives.'

INFORMATION

JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

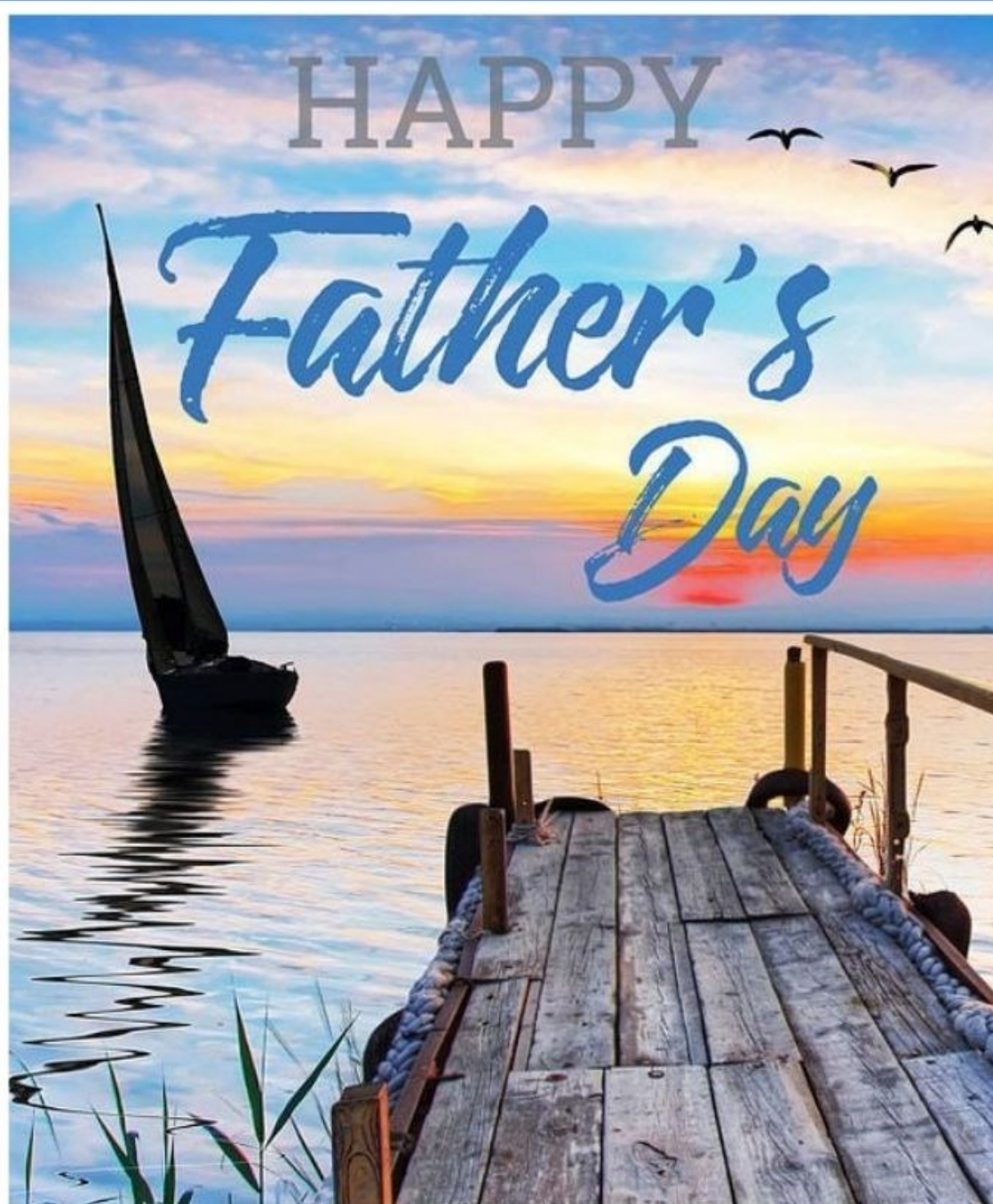
- 4 Allen Ramsey
- 5 Sherry Holliday
- 9 Kylee King
- 16 Tim Frye
- 22 Paisley Taylor
- 27 Becky Jane Hill
- 30 Conner Smith
- 30 Nancy Newsome



If we missed your birthday, please contact the church office to make sure our records are correct.

JUNE CALENDAR:

- 2 Church Council Meeting - 4:00 pm
- 2 VBS Team Meeting - 5:00 pm OFH
- 8 McCollough's 50th Anniv. Party 5:00
- 9 Brotherhood - 8:00 am FLC
- 10 Ladies Night -Dinner/Games -
4:00 Dinner & 5:30 Games OFH
- 10 Finance Committee Mtg. 5:30 pm
- 11 Deacon's Mtg. 5:30 pm Faith Room
- 12 Business Mtg. 6:30 pm Worship Ctr.
- 13 Young at Heart - 11:00 am
- 16 Fathers Day Breakfast 8:00 am FLC
- 22 Vacation Bible School 9 am - 3 pm
- 30 Communion Sunday



A Prayer for Fathers

F IS FOR FAITH
Help Dad to put his full trust in you, O LORD. Give him an unshakeable faith in Your Word. Strengthen his desire to read it, memorize it, and order his life according to Your precepts. Remind of Your promise to work all things together for good for those who love You and are called according to Your purpose. Keep him faithful, alert, and standing firm. Psalm 25:2; Psalm 100:97-100; Romans 8:28; 1 Corinthians 16:13

A IS FOR ATTENTION
God, help Dad focus his attention on what truly matters. Teach him prioritize, to number his days, and to invest his time wisely. Guard him against harmful or ungodly distractions. Give him eyes to see with an eternal perspective. Fix his mind fixed on what's true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, excellent, commendable and praiseworthy. Hebrews 3:1; Psalm 90:12; 121:7; Colossians 3:1-3; Philippians 4:8

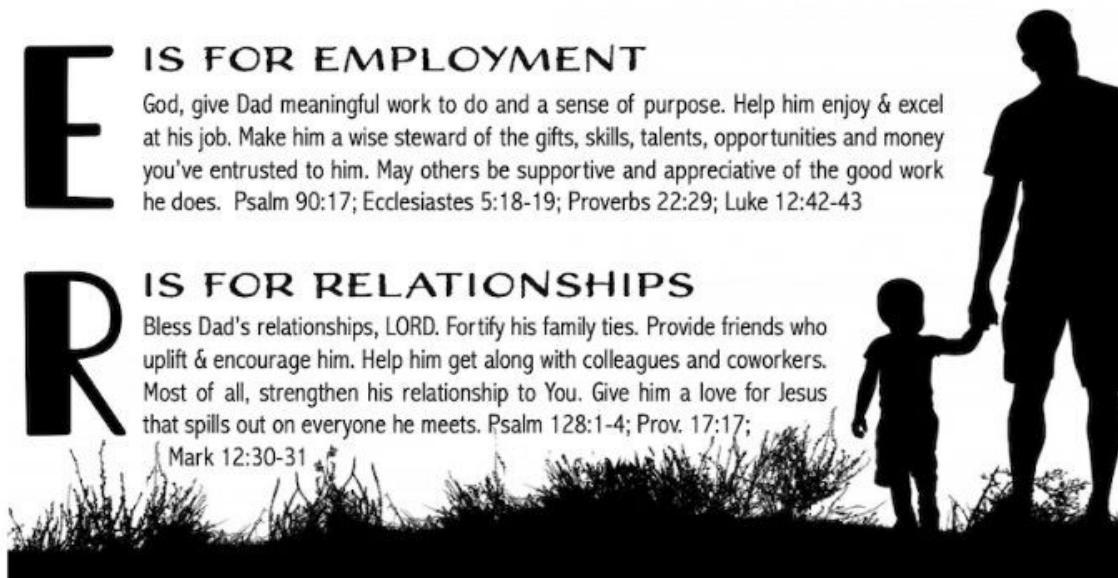
T IS FOR TESTIMONY
Make Dad a man of integrity. Keep him mindful of the fact that others are watching, particularly the children you've entrusted to his care. Give him a good name and grant him the wisdom, discernment, and understanding he'll need to lead his family well. May everything he does bring honor to You and point others to Jesus. Prov. 28:18; Psalm 119:1-2; Hebrews 12:1; Prov. 2:6; 22:1; 1 Corinthians 10:31

H IS FOR HEALTH
LORD, keep Dad in good health. Make his bones and muscles strong. Preserve his strength and vitality. Grant him good sleep and give him the rest he needs. Help him make good choices in areas that affect his health and either protect him against sickness and disease or give him grace to endure physical afflictions in a way that glorifies You. 3 John 1:2; Prov. 3:1-8; Is. 40:29-41; Psa. 127:2; 2 Cor. 12:8-10

E IS FOR EMPLOYMENT
God, give Dad meaningful work to do and a sense of purpose. Help him enjoy & excel at his job. Make him a wise steward of the gifts, skills, talents, opportunities and money you've entrusted to him. May others be supportive and appreciative of the good work he does. Psalm 90:17; Ecclesiastes 5:18-19; Proverbs 22:29; Luke 12:42-43

R IS FOR RELATIONSHIPS
Bless Dad's relationships, LORD. Fortify his family ties. Provide friends who uplift & encourage him. Help him get along with colleagues and coworkers. Most of all, strengthen his relationship to You. Give him a love for Jesus that spills out on everyone he meets. Psalm 128:1-4; Prov. 17:17;

Mark 12:30-31

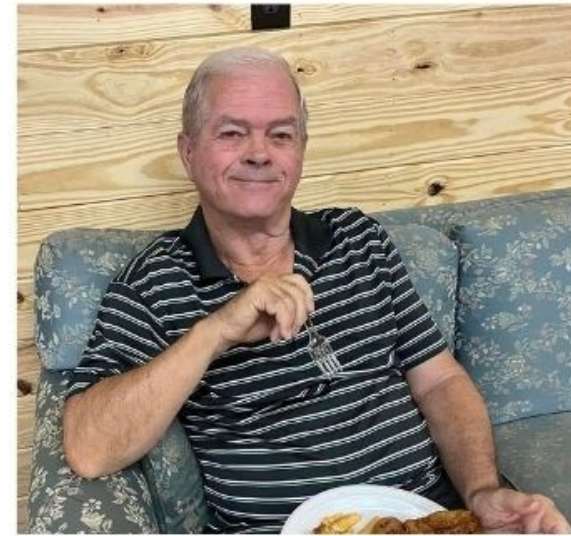




FELLOWSHIP



2024 Memorial Day Celebration





SHARING LOVE



Mother's Day Breakfast



Connor Smith gave an excellent devotion at the Mother's Day breakfast.



Young at Heart Picnic



ALL are invited!

- **June 8th**
- **5:00 pm**
- **Family Life Center**

Let's Get Groovy

We're gonna party like it's 1974 to celebrate the **50TH ANNIVERSARY OF AARON AND MARIANNE MCCOLLOUGH**

Saturday, June 8th starts at 5PM CT
Trinity Baptist Church • 3501 Highway 431 Reanoke, AL •
Dress in your Hippie Best! - Only your presence is needed -
Reply to Stephanie at (706)523-2994

GETTING THINGS DONE

A BIG Thank You to the Security and Building & Grounds teams.



New Security Cameras are installed around the entire church.



Installing Lights around the church grounds.



Entry bell is now working again... Both of them (old and new)

SPECIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Millie Grace Greer
2024 Graduate



UPCOMING EVENTS



VBS is right around the corner! We are starting to make things happen!

This is going to be a one-day event.

All Children between the ages of 3 - 12 are invited.

If you're interested in helping please contact:

Peggy Mitchum

NOTE:

On June 2nd at 5:00 pm in the Old Fellowship Hall, there will be a VBS Meeting. Please plan to attend if you have volunteered to help or would like to help.

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