



TRINITY VISION

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Whose Kingdom Are We Looking to Build, Ours or God's?

Today I want to ask: "Whose kingdom are we looking to build, ours or God's?" I'm afraid that all too often the answer is: "Ours." One of the biggest problems in the church world today is that we are building churches on our "personal preferences" instead of "Biblical convictions."

In 1972 the Supreme Court of the United States made a landmark ruling in the case: *Wisconsin vs. Yoder*. In this case, an Amish man named Yoder challenged Wisconsin's law requiring children to attend public school until age sixteen. He challenged it on the grounds that it violated his religious convictions. At the same time, he had no qualms about allowing his children to attend public school through grammar school. After that, he believed his family should do the training at home. In short, he wanted to home-school his children. In an attempt to force him to send his children to public high school, the State of Wisconsin sued him. He lost every step of the way until his case finally reached the Supreme Court. After each defeat, he refused to give in to the demands of the State stating that to do so, "Would violate his religious convictions."

When the Supreme Court ruled on this case, they ruled in Mr. Yoder's favor. They agreed that Wisconsin had indeed violated his First Amendment Rights. In deciding the case, the Supreme Court stated that every religious belief falls into one of two categories. 1: Preferences. 2: Convictions. Having thus ruled, the Court then decided

it must devise a test that would be applied to all cases concerning religious beliefs. They said, "**Religious 'preferences' are NOT protected under the Constitution – only 'religious convictions.'**"

Here is the test that delineates the two: First, if a belief can be changed by: peer pressure, family pressure, the threat of a lawsuit, the threat of going to jail, or the threat of death – it is only a "preference" – it is not a "conviction." Secondly, for a belief to qualify as a conviction, it must be: pre-determined, non-negotiable, victorious within itself, and demonstrated by a lifestyle.

As I digested this information, I couldn't help but think of the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. King Nebuchadnezzar had made a decree that when the people in the kingdom heard all kinds of music they were to fall down and worship an idol that he had constructed. Failure to do so would cause the violator to be thrown into a fiery furnace. These Hebrew boys refused to bow. When questioned by the king, their answer is a classic example of "conviction" versus "preference." Daniel 3:16-18(KJV) says, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will

not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up." Did you catch it? Their answer was: 1. Pre-determined. Vs. 16, "We are not careful to answer thee in this matter." In other words, they had already discussed the situation and their answer was predetermined. 2. It was non-negotiable. 3. It was victorious within itself. In other words, regardless of the outcome on that day, they had won the victory simply by taking a stand! They told the king that God could indeed save them, but even if He chose not to, they were not going to worship his idol. 4. Their conviction was demonstrated by their lifestyle. Their actions were driven by "conviction" NOT "preference."

With all that said - I can't help but draw the conclusion that in the lives of many individual Christians and churches today - when it comes to serving the Lord - it is **NOT** a "conviction!" It is merely a "preference!"

Again, I ask, "Whose kingdom are we looking to build, ours or God's?" "Our church" is built on our personal preferences, while "God's church" is built on Biblical convictions. Sadly, all too often, we are willing to die defending "personal preferences" but not "Biblical convictions." Our only hope is for God's people and His churches to return to Biblical convictions!

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:

"I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High."
Psalms 9:2

The Christmas music has arrived and I am so excited to start working on it! It is new songs and different arrangements and will take some work! I encourage all choir members to come to practice on Wednesday night at 7:30 after prayer meeting. I also invite anyone that wants to join us to please come! We would love to add some new voices to the choir! Please pray for me as I continue to seek God's guidance in leading music. I want my focus to always be on pleasing Him above all.

I love you all,
Mandy



Mission Makers: Making a Difference

- We would like to thank you, our church family for the donations of classroom supplies for our special school teachers; Pam Barber, Mandi Greer, and Susan Smith.
- Please remember we will begin collecting for Myers Mallory State Missions, September 8 - 15, our goal is set for \$ 3,000.00.
- Our next meeting is schedule for September 17th at 11:00 am, in the old fellowship hall. We will have a special lunch after the meeting.
- We are making our 1st time church guest feel special with a "Welcome Bag".
- We are also passing out "Sunshine Bags".

Thank you,
Iris & Sandra

Young At Heart:



Hello to all the Young at Heart.

Come join me on Thursday, September 5, 2024, at 11 am at the Family Life Center for lunch. I am going to try something different. How does a potato bar sound? I will have baked potatoes ready and you can put all the trimmings on as you like. We will have some games to play. So, mark your calendar for September 5th for some food, fellowship and fun. I will have a sign up sheet on the counter in the old fellowship hall.

If you have any ideas of things you would enjoy doing, please share them with me. I have run out of ideas. Looking forward to our September meeting.

I love you all,
Rhonda



Greetings from Trinity Youth! I can hardly believe that we are entering September and that fall is just around the corner. Our youth are adjusting to school and getting back into their routines. Many are involved in school activities such as band, volleyball, and football. They have been excited to tell us all about their activities. We have been learning a lot this month about being a light for Jesus this school year. I have heard the excitement in their voices as they tell about people that they have witnessed to and invited to Wednesday youth. Seeds are being planted and I am excited to watch them grow in Christ this year. We are seeing many new faces join us on Wednesday nights. My burden now is to see more join us on Sundays in Sunday school and church services. Continue to pray for us as we endeavor to grow more within the youth and children's departments. I hope everyone has a blessed September.

Mandi Greer



VOLUNTEERS

Deacon of the Month for September:

Allen Ramsey (334) 885-0433

Children's Church:

- Sep 01 Ginger Head
- Sep 08 Peggy Mitchum
- Sep 15 Ann Marie Pruitt
- Sep 22 Peggy Mitchum
- Sep 29 Susan Smith

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

Counting Team:

- Sep 01 Fred Hill & Matthew Mote
- Sep 08 Iris Shurick & Michelle Fetner
- Sep 15 Mandi Greer & Teresa Farmer
- Sep 22 Sandra Webb & Becky Hill
- Sep 29 Fred Hill & Matthew Mote

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

Flowers:

- Sep 01 In Memory of my Joyce Pruitt by John & Ann Marie Pruitt
- Sep 08 In Honor of Clara Belyeu's Birthday by Tracy & Brenda Belyeu
- Sep 15 In Honor of Freddy and Meacham's Birthday by The Brown's
- Sep 22 Open
- Sep 29 In Honor of Ross Head's and Memory of JC Overtons Birthday by Keith, Teresa, and Brooke

If you would like to place flowers please contact Teresa Farmer.

Greeters:

- Sep 01 Teresa Cotter
- Sep 08 Tammy Ramsey
- Sep 15 Teresa Cotter
- Sep 22 Barbara Burroughs
- Sep 29 Brenda Lee

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

Nursery Workers:

- Sep 01 Cindy Reese & Kylie King
- Sep 08 Mandi Greer & Claire Orr
- Sep 15 Teresa & Keith Farmer
- Sep 22 Jessica Sprayberry & Cindy Reese
- Sep 29 Millie Greer & Cindy Reese

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:

- Sep 01 Keith Farmer & Allen Ramsey
- Sep 08 Cody Cottle & Harold Cotter
- Sep 15 Daniel Fetner & David Harmon
- Sep 22 Daryl Harmon & Michael Swann
- Sep 29 Harold Cotter & Allen Ramsey

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

To 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. 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

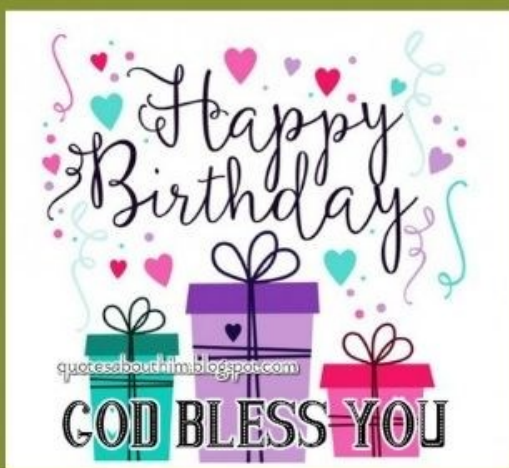
Internet:

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

- 05 Tammy Ramsey
- 10 Clara Belyeu
- 12 Jessica Sprayberry
- 13 Judy Holliday
- 13 Dianne Warren
- 16 Freddy Brown
- 18 Yvonne Foster
- 19 Carolyn Cummings
- 24 Alice Brown
- 27 Jean Heard
- 28 Sue Taft



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

- 01 Chris Baldwin
- 02 Tracy Belyeu
- 03 Ralph Wilder
- 05 Maleah Lambert
- 05 Patsy Knight
- 07 Beverly Hamil

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR:

- 1 No Sunday Night Services
- 2 Labor Day (Office Closed)
- 3 Sisterhood 6:00 pm
- 5 Young at Heart 11:00 am
- 8 Brotherhood 8:00 am
- 8 Church Council Mtg. 4:30 pm
- 9 Ladies Fun Night 4:00 Dinner 5:30 Games
- 9 Finance Committee Mtg. 5:30 pm
- 10 Deacon's Meeting 5:30 pm
- 11 Business Meeting 6:30 pm
- 17 Mission Makers 11:00 am



Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:31-32



HE HAS MADE EVERYTHING BEAUTIFUL IN ITS TIME

Ecclesiastes 3:11



And "don't sin by letting anger control you." Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, for anger gives a foothold to the devil. Ephesians 4:26-27

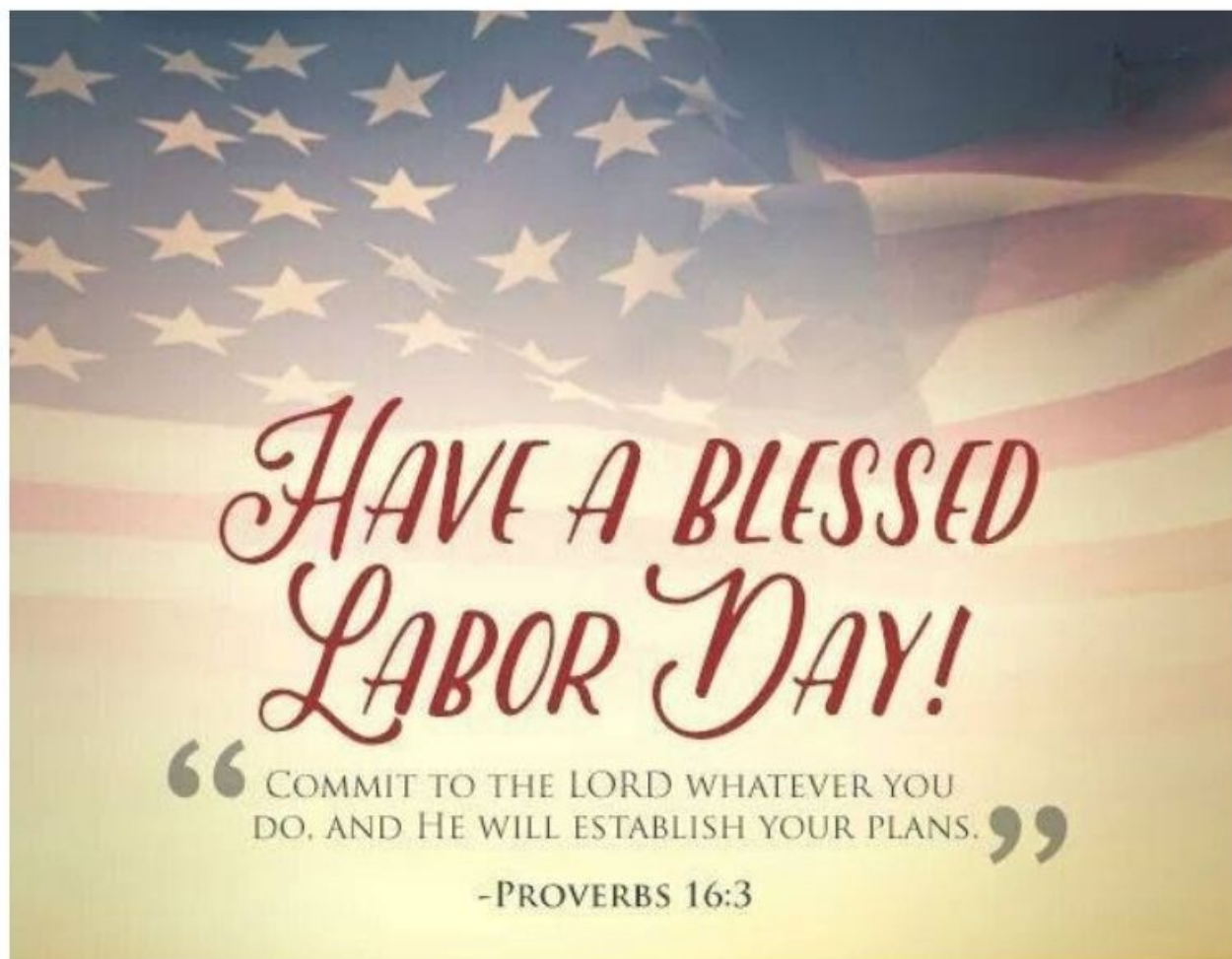


LABOR DAY



What is Labor Day?

- Observed the first Monday in September, Labor Day is an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. The holiday is rooted in the late nineteenth century, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being.



**Thank you
for your
Hardwork**

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TRINITY FUN TIMES



Robin's 60th
Birthday Bash



PROVERBS 27:9



TRINITY
BAPTIST CHURCH

MISSION STATEMENT

- 1. Win The Lost**
- 2. Disciple The Found**
- 3. Mend The Broken**

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