



TRINITY VISION

MAY 2024

CHANGE

In his book, “Transformational Groups,” author Ed Stetzer says, “...Change never happens until the pain of ‘staying the same’ exceeds the ‘pain of change.’” Wow! Reread that statement and meditate on it for a good long while! What a truth!

While preaching a morning service in a local church, I asked the congregation if they knew why I’m fat – uh – ‘fluffy?’” (Fluffy is a much nicer word. FAT is a cold, hard, insulting word!) I then told them that I was fat because - the pain of staying the same hadn’t exceeded the pain of change. In other words – it’s easier for me to stay fat and unhealthy than to do what it takes to lose weight and be healthier.

None of us likes change. We are creatures of habit. We all have our little routines, idiosyncrasies, and ways of doing things. We don’t want our preferences upset. And if somebody does upset them, oh my, then we’ve had a bad day! The truth is, we just like things the way we like them, we want them the way we want them - and we want them when we want them. That’s all. Why are we that way? Because

the pain of staying the same has not exceeded the pain of change. However, in an ironic twist of faith building and urging us into His service, God sometimes allows the circumstances of our lives to cause the pain of staying the same - to exceed the pain of change.

Consider the eagle. In Deuteronomy 32:11, the Bible uses the term, “As an eagle stirreth up her nest ...” What does that mean? It means that when the eagle builds its nest, it uses sticks, branches, and twigs that are extremely rough. It is like a gigantic thorn bed. However, before she lays her eggs, the mother eagle weaves soft leaves and vines into the branches along with fur from rabbits and other prey. She even plucks out her own soft down to line the nest and cover those jagged thorn-like branches that would puncture the baby chicks. She creates a very comfortable nest for her babies. Then when the time is right for the baby eaglets to leave the nest, the mother eagle hovers over the nest, takes her talons and begins to remove those soft leaves and vines. She then stirs the nest, exposing those long thorn-like branches. In other

words, she makes the pain of staying the same greater than that of change.

Someone has aptly said, “The job of the preacher is to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.” While I don’t know about all that, I do know that the Word of God, and the Spirit of God, will accomplish the same thing. I have often said when a preacher preaches the Word of God, in the anointing and power of God, it will force people to a point of decision where they will either have to get in or get out. It will bring them to the point where the pain of staying the same is greater than that of change.

Again, we don’t like change. However, the truth is that the only constant in life is - change. Nothing ever remains the same. We’re constantly changing. My Hero of the Faith, Pastor Olin McClain, once said it like this, “One of the great paradoxes of life is that at this very moment, you are older than you have ever been, yet you will never again be as young as you are right now.” If we are going to change – now is the time!

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: *"Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation"*

Psalms 95:1

I am very excited to start working on some new music that has just arrived! We will have some new Sunday morning specials! I invite anyone interested in joining the choir to come sing with us on Wednesday night at 7:30 for practice. Thank you all for your dedication to the choir! I love you all and I love to sing His praises!

Blessings,
Mandy



MissionMakers:

Please mark your calendar, our next meeting will be in the Old Fellowship Hall on May 21st at 11:00 am. Please be thinking about ideas to share with the group to help us help others in need.

Thank you,
Iris & Sandra

Young At Heart:

Hello to all the Young at Heart.



Please note I have moved the May Young at Heart to the **third Thursday**. I will be out of town on our regular day so I have moved it to **May 16th**. We will be going to the lake for a picnic. It will be easy walking with restroom accessibility. We are going to enjoy some of God's fresh air and outside beauty. If you have a folding chair or bag chair, please bring it and we'll throw them on the back of the truck. I will be preparing sack lunches. Therefore, I will need to know if you plan to attend in order for you to have a lunch. I will place a sign up sheet on the counter in the old kitchen or you can call me at 334-863-0732. I will need to know before May 14th so I can get everything ordered. Please meet at the church parking lot on Thursday, May 16th at 11 am. I will look forward to seeing you then.

Love you all,
Rhonda



"Need a little Jesus?"

Trinity Youth want to remind you to help them spread the love of Jesus with others. In the world we live in today we may feel distanced from Him. Truth is, Jesus can draw anyone closer. When you think you're all alone, Jesus is there. Do you know someone that needs a little Jesus? Trinity Youth want to remind you a little Jesus goes a long way!

So, please invite your kids, grandkids, friends and neighbors to join us at 9:15 am Sunday and 6:30 pm Wednesday.

Tommy Jeter
Youth Director



VOLUNTEERS

Deacon of the Month for May: Mike Potts (334) 338-0354

Children's Church:

- May 05 Mandi Greer
- May 12 Susan Smith
- May 19 Ginger Head
- May 26 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:

- May 05 Sandra Webb & Becky Hill
- May 12 Fred Hill & Matthew Mote
- May 19 Iris Shurick & Michelle Fetner
- May 26 Mandi Greer & Teresa Farmer

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:

- May 05 In Memory of Tony Mitchums Birthday by Peggy & Family.
- May 12 In Honor of Michael Kirby & Michele Fetner's Birthday.
- May 19 In Memory of Ellen Farmer by Keith & Mark Farmer.
- May 26 In Memory of ALL men & women who dies serving in our Military.

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

Greeters:

- May 05 Barbara Burroughs
- May 12 Dianne Warren
- May 19 Brenda Lee
- May 26 Teresa Cotter

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

Nursery Workers:

- May 05 Jessica Sprayberry & Madisyn
- May 12 Millie Greer & Brenda Jeter
- May 19 Cindy Reese & Kylie King
- May 26 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:

- May 05 Keith Farmer & David Harmon
- May 12 Daniel Fetner & Allen Ramsey
- May 19 Tommy Jeter & Cody Cottle
- May 26 Michael Swann & Harold Cotter

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

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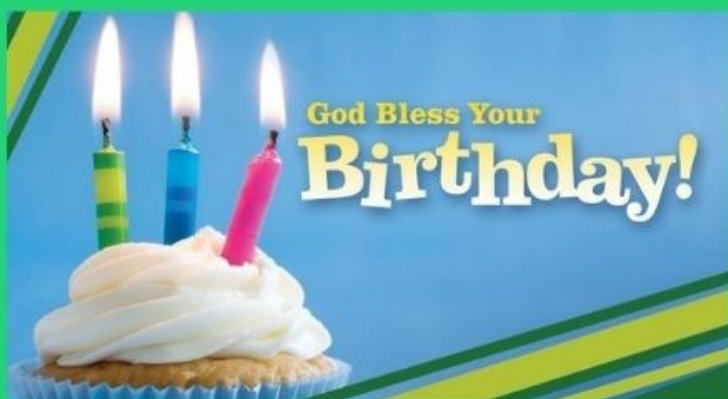
Bro. Aaron's sermons may be heard at any time by going to: www.freshfireministries.com or www.tbcroanokeal.org and clicking "Media" and scrolling down and clicking on 'Brother Aaron's Sermon Archives.'

**DONT
FORGET**

INFORMATION

MAY BIRTHDAYS:

- 2 Millie Grace Greer
- 9 Calvin Worthey
- 14 Noah Greer
- 14 Richard Greer
- 15 Michele Fetner
- 16 Ginger Head
- 16 Jane Johns
- 19 Sandra Webb
- 20 Connie Workman
- 21 Marianne McCollough
- 22 Mike Potts
- 24 Hunter Frye
- 25 Rosemary Wilder
- 29 Clay Fetner
- 30 Daryl Harmon
- 30 David Harmon



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

MAY CALENDAR:

- 2 2024 National Day of Prayer
- 7 Sisterhood - 6:00 pm FLC
- 12 Happy Mother's Day
- 12 Mother's Day Breakfast provided by the Brotherhood - 8:00 am FLC
- 13 Ladies Night -Dinner/Games
4:00 Dinner & 5:30 Games OFH
- 13 Finance Committee Mtg. 5:30 pm
- 14 Deacon's Mtg. 5:30 pm Faith Room
- 15 Business Mtg. 6:30 pm Worship Ctr.
- 16 Young at Heart - 11:00 am - Picnic
- 19 Class of 2024 Senior Breakfast 8:00 am
- 27 Memorial Day (Church Office closed)



Ten Things My Momma Taught Me:

1. She taught me logic: "If everyone else jumped off a cliff would you do it too?" And "Because I said so, that's why"
2. She taught me medicine: "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they're going to freeze that way."
3. She taught me about foresight: "Make sure you wear clear underwear, in case you're in an accident."
4. She taught me about genetics: "You are just like your father."
5. She taught me about the circle of life: "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out of it."
6. She taught me about my farming roots: "What, were you born in a barn?"
7. She taught me about anticipation: "Just wait until your father gets home."
8. She taught me about payback: "One day you will have kids and I hope they are just like you."
9. She taught me about the importance of prayer: "You'd better pray that stain comes out of the carpet."
10. Most importantly, she taught me about Jesus!



FAMILY & FELLOWSHIP

2024

Homecoming





SHARING HIS WORD



Guest Speaker: Jacob Walker - Special Singer: Stephanie Walker

APPRECIATION

BABY DEDICATION



This group had a great time celebrating Administrative Assistant, Robin Reid, on Administrative Professionals Day.

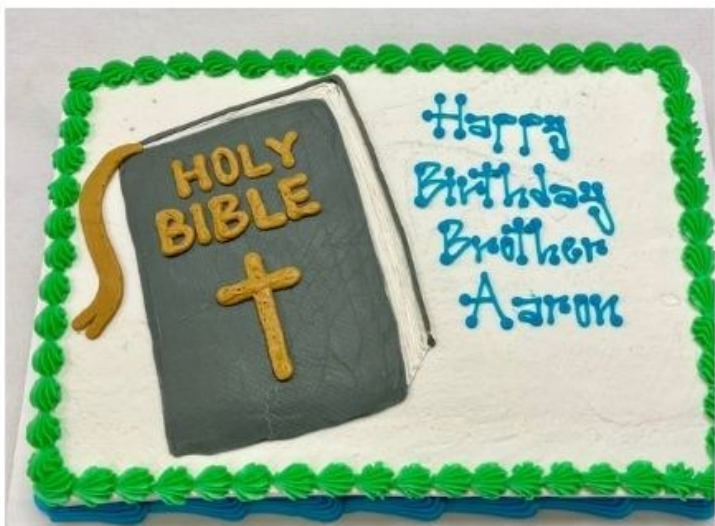


Aubree Sprayberry's Baby Dedication

L-R Chris, Skylar, Jessica, and Aubree Sprayberry



Happy Birthday



You're truly blessed, Bro. Aaron.

WOW!
It happened AGAIN!!
Bro. Aaron had yet ANOTHER birthday.



SPECIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Kylee King
Recipient of the 2024
Character in Action Award



Millie Grace Greer
2024 Graduate

UPCOMING EVENTS



**GOD'S ROCK-SOLID TRUTH IN
A WORLD OF SHIFTING SANDS**
ROMANS 12:2

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.***



Mother's Day

Her children rise up and call her blessed;
Her husband also, and he praises her:
"Many daughters have done well,
But you excel them all."

PROVERBS 31:28-29

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