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TRINITY VISION

Tomorrow is Ours to Win or Lose

Some time ago, Marianne and I watched the movie, “Breakthrough.” It’s a movie about faith that is based on actual events. In short, a young boy falls through the ice on a lake and is pronounced dead, stays dead for about 45 minutes, then comes back to life.

In one part of the movie, the young man, who later fell through the ice, refused to do a school assignment requiring him to give a verbal report on his family history. The reason was, that he was adopted and was struggling with why his Guatemalan birth mother didn’t want him. The boy loved playing on the school basketball team. So, his teacher explained to him that if he didn’t give the report, she would give him a failing grade. This meant he couldn’t stay on the team. During her lecture to him, she pointed to a plaque on her wall. It was a quote, that I later learned, is attributed to President Lyndon Baines Johnson. It said, **“Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose.”**

So it is with us. From the greatest to the least, richest to the poorest, fluffiest to the skinniest, most educated to the least educated – we all have a story. We all have won and lost in life. To quote a line popularized by Jim McKay, host of ABC’s Wide World of Sports, we all

have experienced, “The thrill of victory, and the agony of defeat.” Slovenian ski jumper Vinko Bogataj is the athlete who personifies, “the agony of defeat” part. He is the skier who fell while coming down the slope of the ski-jump ramp and tumbled head over heels off the end. As he, I’m sure we have experienced more than our fair share of those “agony of defeat” moments in life. However, to be Judgment Day honest with you, I’m not sure which is more detrimental to us. Is it – enduring the agony of a personal defeat moment – or is it being stuck in and paralyzed by the memory and grandeur associated with some victory we won years ago – that is no longer relevant today - and nobody but us cares about? It’s a question to ponder!

In Philippians 3:13-14(KJV) Paul states, “Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” If I am interpreting this scripture correctly, I can conclude that from the moment we are conceived in our mother’s womb, until the time we die a natural death, our life should only have one direction: forward! Always moving forward! And by the way, nature

itself teaches us that the very moment something stops growing (moving forward) – it starts dying! (We should give that some serious thought!) And the truth is – we adapt, or we die! In the movie I mentioned above, the young man had to learn what the Apostle Paul was speaking about. Despite his circumstances, adapting and moving forward was the only way he would ever experience the thrill of victory.

Moving forward and staying focused on the task at hand requires that we realize and understand at least five things. As you go forward, learn:

- 1: The world in front of you will look nothing like the world behind you.
- 2: No one will follow you off the map unless they trust you on the map.
- 3: In uncharted territory, adaptation is everything.
- 4: You can’t go alone, but you haven’t succeeded until you have survived the sabotage.
- 5: As you go forward, everybody will be changed, including you. (Adapted from “Canoeing the Mountains” by Tod Bolsinger)

Aside from salvation, this is one of the most important messages we can convey. We cannot do a thing about yesterday, but today and tomorrow, well that’s quite a different story! Hear it again: **“Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose.”**

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:

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing.." Psalms 100:1-2

As we move forward in to the Summer months, we are also in the planning stages. We would like to see the choir filled on Sundays! If you are interested in being part of the choir, please let me know. We would love to have you! Practice is on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Choir Room.

Love,
Mandy



Mission Makers:

For July we will continue with our ministry to help the single mom that Teresa Farmer made us aware of. We are asking that you bring any needs that you have heard of in our community to the meeting to be discussed. We will be meeting **July 22 at 11:00 am**, in the Old Fellowship Hall.

Thank you,
Iris & Sandra

Young At Heart:



Hello to all the Young at Heart.

Come join me on July 11, 2024, for a cookout down at The Barn. Daryl and David Harmon have graciously agreed to grill hamburgers and hot dogs for us. All the trimmings will be provided. We will meet at the church at 11 am and go together in case you do not know where The Barn is. Come prepared for a day of fun because they are great hosts. It's worth a trip just to see all the things they have accumulated. You can spend time reminiscing about your younger days. I will have a sign up sheet on the counter in the old fellowship hall. Please let me know if you plan to attend.

I love you all,
Rhonda



Greetings Trinity Family!

The Youth Department has not let the summer slump slow us down. We have had a busy month of learning, discipleship, and fun. If you had told me in May that this is what I would be doing this summer, I would have laughed and said a very quick "No thank you". It is funny how God says "You will eat those words." And while this has not been on my calendar, it was always on God's. Our little group on Wednesday nights has been growing each week. We have learned about the power of words, compassion, and the condition of our hearts. Some of the youth participated in helping with VBS this month. It was encouraging to see them have a desire to help the younger ones of our church and community. By the time you read this, we will have also taken a trip to Six Flags on June 28th. Pray for this old woman. I hope to have another outing this month before school starts back. We have many fun things in mind for this summer. I encourage you to stop by during our youth time on Wednesdays (6:00pm-7:30pm) before going to prayer meeting to meet our youth. I am hoping and praying that we can encourage many to join us for worship on Sundays if they do not have a home church. Also, if you have family, friends, or neighbors that are of youth age please invite them to join us. We are also working to build the children's Wednesday night program. If you would love to volunteer for either youth (I can always use an extra set of eyes or hands) or children's ministries please let me know. Pray with me that we will continue to grow and minister to the future of our faith.

Mandi Greer



VOLUNTEERS

Deacon of the Month for July: Tracy Belyeu (334) 328-8968

Children's Church:

- Jul 07 Ann Marie Pruitt
- Jul 14 Peggy Mitchum
- Jul 21 Susan Smith
- Jul 28 Ginger Head

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

Counting Team:

- Jul 07 Fred Hill & Matthew Mote
- Jul 14 Iris Shurick & Michelle Fetner
- Jul 21 Mandi Greer & Teresa Farmer
- Jul 28 Sandra Webb & Becky Hill

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:

- Jul 07 Allen & Tammy Ramsey
- Jul 14 In Memory of our parents by Fred & Rhonda Hill
- Jul 21 Open
- Jul 28 In Memory of Clyde Warren's Birthday by Jacky & Dianne Warren

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

Greeters:

- Jul 07 Teresa Cotter
- Jul 14 Tammy Ramsey
- Jul 21 Barbara Burroughs
- Jul 28 Dianne Warren

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

Nursery Workers:

- Jul 07 Teresa & Keith Farmer
- Jul 14 Jessica Sprayberry & Madisyn Butler
- Jul 21 Millie Greer & Cindy Reese
- Jul 28 Cindy Reese & Kylie King

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:

- Jul 07 Harold Cotter & Keith Farmer
- Jul 14 Allen Ramsey & Daryl Harmon
- Jul 21 Michael Swann & David Harmon
- Jul 28 Cody Cottle & Harold Cotter

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

JULY BIRTHDAYS:

- 9 Pam Barber
- 10 Barbara Burroughs
- 13 Maria Mote
- 21 Donna Craft
- 25 Gabe Sledge
- 25 Alan Workman
- 26 Rick Webb



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

JULY CALENDAR:

- 3 No Evening Services
- 4 Independence Day
Church Office Closed
- 8 Ladies Night -Dinner/Games -
4:00 Dinner & 5:30 Games OFH
- 11 Young at Heart - 11:00 am
- 14 Brotherhood - 8:00 am FLC
- 15-18 Knollwood VBS
- 15 Finance Committee Mtg. 5:30 pm
- 16 Deacon's Mtg. 5:30 pm Faith Room
- 17 Business Mtg. 6:30 pm Worship Ctr.
- 22 Mission Makers 11:00 am OFH
- 28 TBC Summer Gathering - FLC
Hotdogs/Watermelon

Faith

*For everyone who
has been born of God
overcomes the world.
And this is the victory
that has overcome the
world—our faith.*

1 JOHN 5:4

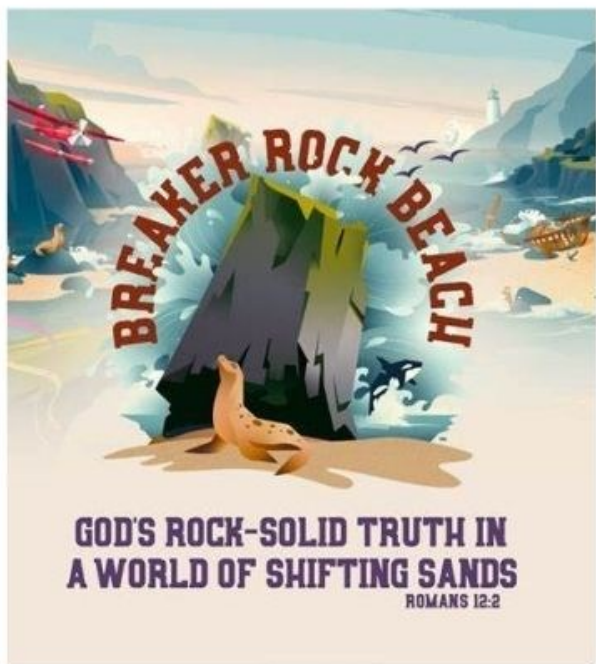
Whatever you do, in
word or deed, do all in
the name of the

Lord Jesus

GIVING THANKS
to God the Father through him

COLOSSIANS 3:17

SPREADING GOD'S WORD



2024 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



SHARING LOVE & HELPING OTHERS

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST



Michael Kirby gave a great sermon at the Father's Day breakfast.



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Christian Carpenters help keep Christmas Train opening on track

By JOHN THOMPSON
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HAMPTON — Even though it was a rainy, dreary day on Thursday, there was plenty of activity at Doe River Gorge.

The Christian summer camps have started and work continued on getting all the parts and sets of the Christmas train experience set up for the 2025 Christmas season.

One of the centers of all the activity on Thursday was not among the children summer campers. It was a group of 83 people, mostly over 50 year-olds who were hard at work on 15,000 square-foot, two-story building that will serve as a train depot, meeting area, and storage area for the 1,000 costumes used by the Christmas Train personnel and actors.

The workers were members of the Carpenters for Christ Southeastern. Group spokesman Perry Lee said the group included volunteers from about 15 southeastern states from Virginia to Louisiana.

Every year, the Carpenters for Christ go to various places throughout the south and donate their labor. Mostly, they erect new churches, but this is a little different, as they are building the multi-purpose building that will serve as the loading platform for the Christmas Train and much more.

Lee said the volunteers do a lot more than just provide labor to the projects they serve. They bring their own tools, and they do not charge one dime for their services.

They arrange for their own room and board while they are at the work sites. In the case of Doe River Gorge, the Carpenters for Christ are being housed at Valley Forge Elementary School.

The name Carpenters for Christ does not encompass all the contributions the volunteers will provide.

Lee said that while there are plenty of Carpenters on the project, there are also electricians, plumbers, masons and other skilled workers. He said the groups are under skilled supervisors to ensure the work meets codes and is of high quality.

All of the work is done under the supervision of Mitch Cox Construction, which is the lead contractor on the project and is providing most of the construction services. The volunteer services provided by Carpenters for Christ is estimated to be saving Doe River Gorge over \$100,000 in labor costs in the construction of the building during the two weeks the volunteers will be on site. Their last day will be Thursday, June 13.

"We are thrilled to be part of such a meaningful project," Perry said. "Our team is passionate about using our skills to serve Christ, and the Christmas Train at Doe River Gorge is a wonderful opportunity to share the birth of Christ with the community while allowing families to establish a new Christmas family tradition."

Terry Maughon, president of Doe River Gorge, expressed his appreciation for all the volunteer labor and how tirelessly they have been working.

Community members are encouraged to support the Christmas Train project by volunteering, donating, or simply attending and enjoying the festivities. For more information on how to get involved, go to doerivergorge.com/thechristmas-train.

The Christmas Train will be an annual event that will transform Doe River Gorge into a magical, winter wonderland, complete with Christmas decorations, lights, food, and festivities.

The highlight of the evening will be a ride on the Christmas Train, where the story of Christmas will be told from the creation of the world to the resurrection of Christ. The Christmas Train is scheduled to begin its journey on Nov. 28, 2025.

The exterior of the multi-purpose building, showing its proximity to Cedar Mountain and the Hampton Watershed Mountain Bike Trail.



Charles Mote and Ricky Mulkey, on mission with Carpenters for Christ.



TRINITY FUN TIMES

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Youth at work and play.*



GOD BLESS AMERICA



***Sunday
Patriotic
Celebration***

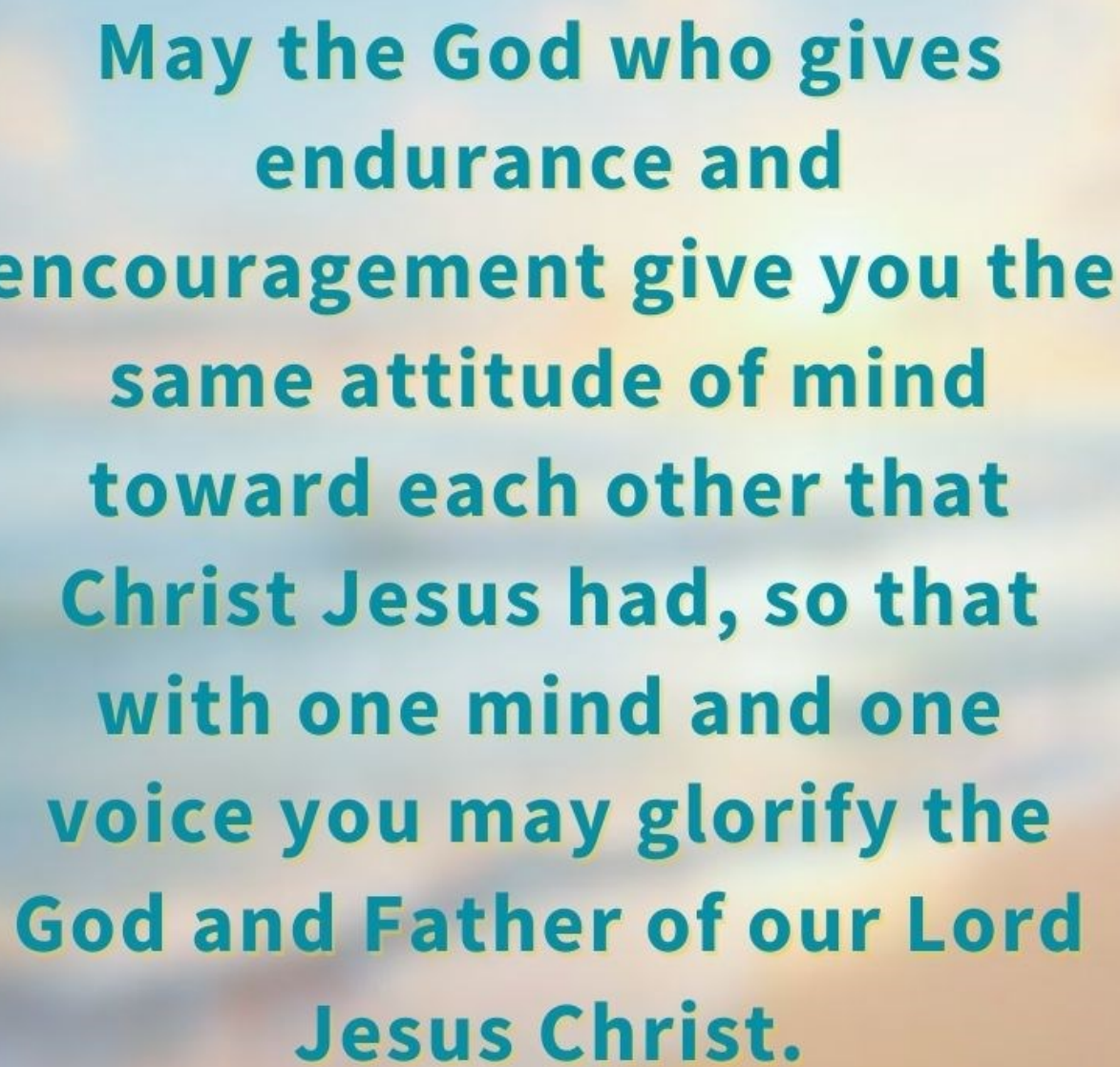


***Happy
Independence
Day.***



***Have a Safe
4th of
July.***





**May the God who gives
endurance and
encouragement give you the
same attitude of mind
toward each other that
Christ Jesus had, so that
with one mind and one
voice you may glorify the
God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ.**

Romans 15:5-6

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