



## THE TRINITY MESSAGE

— Bringing information and inspiration to the members and friends of Trinity Baptist Church of Savannah, GA.

### THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE:

Greetings in the name of God – Father, Son and Holy Sprit! Welcome to the first edition of our quarterly newsletter, “The Trinity Message”. We wish to utilize this newsletter as a platform to provide news of our current and future events and worship opportunities for all who are interested in strengthening or beginning their Christian experience through sincere worship and praise of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Special kudos to Bro. Randolph Slay, Sis. Marjorie Hawkins and Sis. ZaDonna Slay, our efficient, dedicated first editorial team.

Trinity Baptist Church of Savannah, GA is the tender shoot born of a seed planted in my heart by the Spirit of God. In June 2012, I received an urging of the Holy Spirit to “plant a new church.” What a great responsibility—a daunting task! Yes, I recognized the voice of God; nevertheless, I wrestled with the assignment. After much prayer and meditation, I responded, “Amen!” God was compassionate enough to wait with me and to help me through my wrestling. He continued to lead me through the process of organizing, planning, and planting Trinity Baptist Church; certainly He is giving me all that I need to pastor His people. I give God all glory!

It is Trinity's mission to communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ to people who are hurting, broken, disgruntled, frustrated, or “unchurched”, seeking and needing a Word from the Lord. In so doing, we will execute the Great Commission of Jesus Christ in love: “...Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything, I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

We envision Trinity Baptist Church of Savannah, Georgia as a multi-generational, multi-cultural Church, united to serve the greater Savannah area while extending our outreach to national and global missions. We will always worship the triune God of the Bible, who is eternally one God in three persons---Father, Son and Holy Sprit.

I hope that you are enlightened and inspired by our first newsletter. Please visit us anytime for a truly heartfelt worship experience.

In His Service,

Pastor Lolita L. Hickman, M. Div.

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## **VISION STATEMENT/MOTTO:**

Vision Statement: God has called Trinity Baptist Church of Savannah, Georgia to become a community of disciples who are devoted to:

1. Worshipping the triune God of the Bible;
2. Becoming Christ-Like;
3. Living as temples of the Holy Spirit; and
4. Transforming the community and the world through mission outreach and service.

Motto: *We worship the triune God of the Bible, who is eternally one God in three persons-Father, Son and Holy Spirit!*

## **SERVICE SCHEDULE:**

Sunday School and Morning Worship are held each Sunday at The Chapel, Adams Funeral Services, Inc. 510 Stephenson Avenue, Savannah, GA 31405:

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
11:00 a.m. Holy Communion each first Sunday

Mid-week Prayer Meeting and Bible Study classes met each Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church. 622 E. 37<sup>th</sup> Street, Savannah, GA

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CORNER:**

Sunday School: The Winter Quarter 2013 – 2014 started on December 1, 2013. Unit 1's general topic was "God Sends Jesus". The first lesson was taken from Luke 1: 26-40 and subsequent lessons covered Luke 1: 46-79 and Luke 2: 1-38. This unit featured the text of the four great songs from the beginning of Luke's Gospel. In all four lessons, there is an awareness of a righteous God acting to restore justice in Israel and the world. Mary celebrates her future son as the one who would bring down the proud and lift up the lowly (Luke 1:52), thus restoring a just society. Zechariah speaks of the Lord's providing a Savior to deliver the people from their enemies (Luke: 69-71), thus giving them justice. The angels speak of a lasting peace on earth (2:14), a world peace where justice prevails. Simeon sees the baby as God's salvation, both to Israel and all other nations (2: 30, 32), inaugurating God's reign of peace and justice throughout the earth. This was a very inspiring study of God's fulfillment of the prophecy through the birth of the Messiah, the true King – Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Unit 2, "Jesus Ushers in the Reign of God" (Luke 6 thru 16) kicked off on January 5, 2014 and offers examples of Jesus' battling for justice as he overturns oppressive Sabbath traditions, calls for inclusion of the disenfranchised, and teaches a parable about a reversal of fortunes in eternity.

Unit 3, "Live Justly in the Reign of God", (James 1 thru 3), will begin February 2, 2014 and gives us a peek at the first-century Church's struggle to implement the lessons of a just community as envisaged by Jesus. His church is to be blind to rank and privilege, a place where we all love our neighbors as we love ourselves. James calls this principle the "royal law" (James 2:8), the King of all calls for righteous living. Our call to justice is on the personal level, actualized in how we treat others.

Bible Study: We recently completed studying the book of Isaiah. This was a very informative study of Isaiah, prophet, theologian, poet, and statesman who rose to meet the challenge of God's call to prophesy to the nation of Judah, as well as Israel and surrounding nations. In the first 39 chapters of the book, God showed Isaiah many signs of grave danger. People were using their power to harass the poor. Men went around drunk; women cared more about their clothes than about their neighbors' hunger. People gave lip service to God and kept up the outward appearance of religion but did little more! Isaiah's very name means "The Lord Saves;" and he warned kings that relying on military power or wealth or any other force other than God would lead to disaster. Chapters 40 - 66 generally bring a message of forgiveness, comfort and hope. This message of hope looks forward to the coming of the Messiah. In particular, Chapter 53, "drips with the ruby blood of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ".

Bible Study class will resume January 16, 2014, with the study of Revelations.

Please join us for Sunday School and/or Bible Study as we enthusiastically study God's Word to enlighten our hearts and minds. Try it; we promise you will like it.

Christian Education: New members joining by baptism attend New Member Training conducted by Pastor Hickman covering the following topics: *Who is God?; Who am I?; What is Sin?; The Assurance of Salvation.; The Church of Jesus Christ;. How to Make Disciples; and Staying on Track.* Members joining by Christian Experience, by Letter or Watch Care and those newly baptized are required to attend weekly Prayer Meeting, Bible Study and Sunday School as well as Sunday Morning Worship Services.

### **NEED PRAYER:**

If you are in need of prayer, please join us in our Thursday prayer service or contact Pastor Hickman directly. Also you may submit a prayer request on the Church website at [www.trinitybaptistsavannah.org](http://www.trinitybaptistsavannah.org).

### **MAJOR "FIRSTS" IN THE LIFE OF TRINITY:**

- Church was incorporated in the state of Georgia October 22, 2012.
- Inaugural Worship Service was conducted January 6, 2013.
- First Lord's Supper/Holy Communion was observed January 6, 2013.
- First Sunday School class was held January 13, 2013.
- First Church Business Meeting held on March 17, 2013.
- First Baptism conducted was held on May 4, 2013.
- Pastor Hickman became the first female Pastor affiliate with Berean Baptist Association
- First Church and Pastor's Anniversary, and Pastor's Installation Service – January 7-12, 2014.

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

We wish to give a special recognition to our current church members:

Sis. Annie Edenfield	Bro. J. Paul Mahone
Sis. Marjorie Hawkins	Bro. Derry Pinkston
Sis. Mozelle Herrington	Sis. Lorine Rainer
Pastor Lolita L. Hickman	Sis. Marjorie Ramsey
Bro. Norval "Joe" Hickman	Bro. Randolph Slay
Sis. Ann Mahone	Sis. Gwendolyn Youmans

### **CIVIC DUTIES:**

2013 marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dr. Kings "I Have a Dream" speech and the Civil Rights March on Washington, we must heed the fact that there are still obstacles ahead. Your most effective weapon in defense of your civil liberties is casting your **VOTE**. 2014 is a **very, very important Mid-Term Election year for federal and state level elected officials**. The ballot is how you hold elected officials accountable by voting in all elections. Please contact Bro. Slay, at 912-398-3758, for further information and any needed assistance.

### **MISSIONAL OUTREACH:**

We wish to thank the members and friends of Trinity Baptist Church for their generosity and support during 2013. We provided contributions to Safe Shelter and Salvation Army. The church further helped less fortunate community members by providing a Thanksgiving meal to a needed family and by making Christmas wishes come true for a five member family through the Angel Tree program with Union Mission.

- Supported the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance Back-to-School Expo in August
- Liturgical Dance presentation by the Angels from Heaven of Fairlawn Baptist Church. Our pianist, Sis. Shakira Dilworth, is a lead dancer.

## FEATURE SPOTLIGHT ON:

- Sis. Marjorie Hawkins received Educational Specialist Degree in Technology in Education at Lesley University on May 17, 2013. Additionally, Sis. Hawkins became a member of the National Association of University Women where she serves as correspondence secretary.
- Bro. Randolph Slay completed studies for his Masters Degree in Leadership and Management on December 19, 2013. Bro. Slay also retired from the position of Assistant Director, Chatham County Voter Registration, effective October 30, 2013.
- Family member, Alexis Slay was elected Vice President of her Senior Class and also selected as Veterans Queen at North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our January Members! May God bless you with many more birthdays.

Bro. Joe Hickman – January 6<sup>th</sup>

Bro. Derry Pinkston – January 25<sup>th</sup>

## WHAT MEMBERS ARE SAYING

*“Worshipping at Trinity Baptist Church of Savannah, GA has been a blessing to me, Praise God!”* – Sis. Youmans

*“I enjoy the members at Trinity; they are nice and kind. I also enjoy the teaching and worship service.”* – Bro. Pinkston

*“Great to fellowship with members and worship God in spirit and truth.”* – Sis. Edenfield

*“I am glad to come to Trinity to listen to God’s Word.”* – Sis. Ramsey

*“When I think about Trinity Baptist Church peacefulness overshadows me, for I know I am where Jesus wants me to be.”* – Bro. Hickman

*“I am truly blessed to have a Pastor like Rev. Lolita Hickman. She and her husband, Joe, will assist you in any way they can. Bro. Joe and Bro. Slay teach Sunday School and do an excellent job. Pastor Hickman is truly a child of God and preaches as God directs. We are few in number, but the Spirit is in this house of God with preaching, teaching, praying, singing and spiritual dancing. I thank God for being a member of Trinity Baptist Church of Savannah, GA under the leadership of Pastor Hickman”* – Sis. Herrington

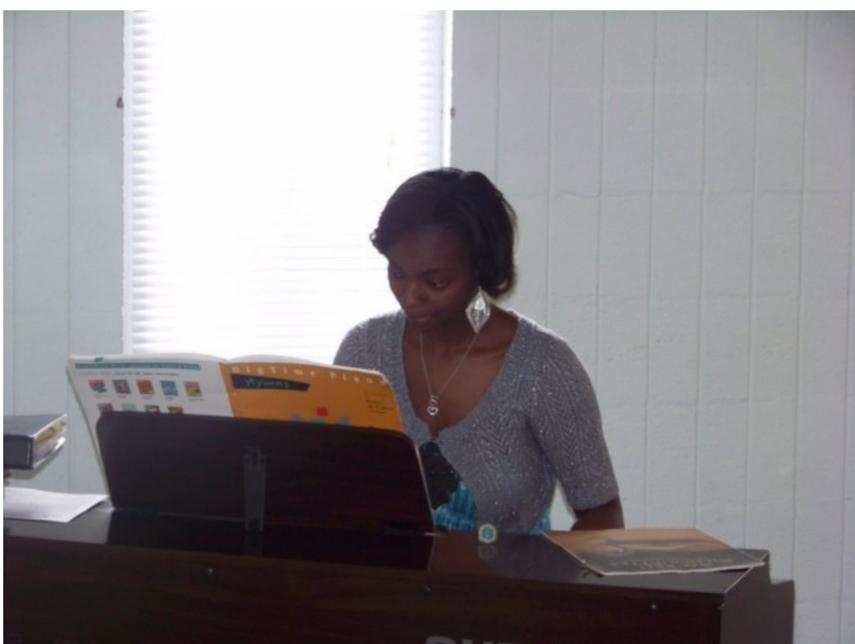
*“Trinity Baptist Church has excellent Bible Study and Sunday School Programs. Please come visit us and see for yourself. I grow spiritually as I hear each one of Pastor Hickman’s well-prepared sermons. She provides her flock with the true Word of God, inspiring each to stand tall against worldly temptations”* - Bro. Slay

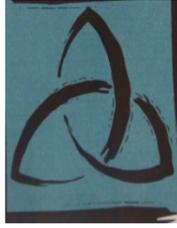
*“I enjoy worshipping at Trinity because I can truly worship the Lord. I enjoy listening to Rev. Hickman. She knows how to bring the message! I also enjoy seeing and talking with my fellow church members. Trinity is home to me”.* – Sis. Hawkins

## CLOSING PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, we ask that You open our hearts and minds that we may truly absorb Your holy word. Allow us to follow faithfully in the teachings of Jesus by willingly displaying love for our neighbors. Guide us in the way of the righteous, keeping our eyes open to recognize the evil temptations of the world. Help us to stand on the strong and deep foundation of Your Word. Protect us with Your grace and mercy when the floods come and the winds blow and beat upon our house; it will not fall because it is founded on that One Foundation—Jesus Christ, our Lord. Thank You for your many blessings during the establishment of Trinity Baptist Church and for guiding us during our first year of service. This we pray, in the name of Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen!

# YEAR IN REVIEW





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