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Happy Easter

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APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER

TRINITY ADULT

The Letters Study: Colossians

Join Rev. Becky Clark for the next installment of *The Letters* study series. We will be spending 5 weeks in the book of Colossians. In this letter Paul focuses on teaching the church about the cosmic Christ as well as the humanity. The struggle of the church has always been how to explain Jesus as fully God and fully man. Paul attempts to help clear up the confusion. Study begins Thursday, April 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the Confirmation Room.

The Letters
COLOSSIANS
5 WEEK BIBLE STUDY
Begins Thursday, April 9
9:30AM | Room 112
Confirmation Room
Led by Becky Clark

ABIDE



April 12 | 5-6:15PM
Women's Night of Worship,
Teaching, and Prayer with
Lori Spangler and
the Trinity Youth Band
Trinity Methodist Church | 1000 Woodward Ave

the TABLE Family Worship Night

Our next family worship night will be Sunday, April 26 at 5:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. The teaching will focus on what it looks like to be plugged into a small group and how that benefits your whole family! Please, sign up on the Trinity HUB so we can plan the meal!



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Prayers for The Trinity **2026 Confirmation Class**

On April 18, the class will be traveling to The OWL Center for a day of team building on the ropes course.

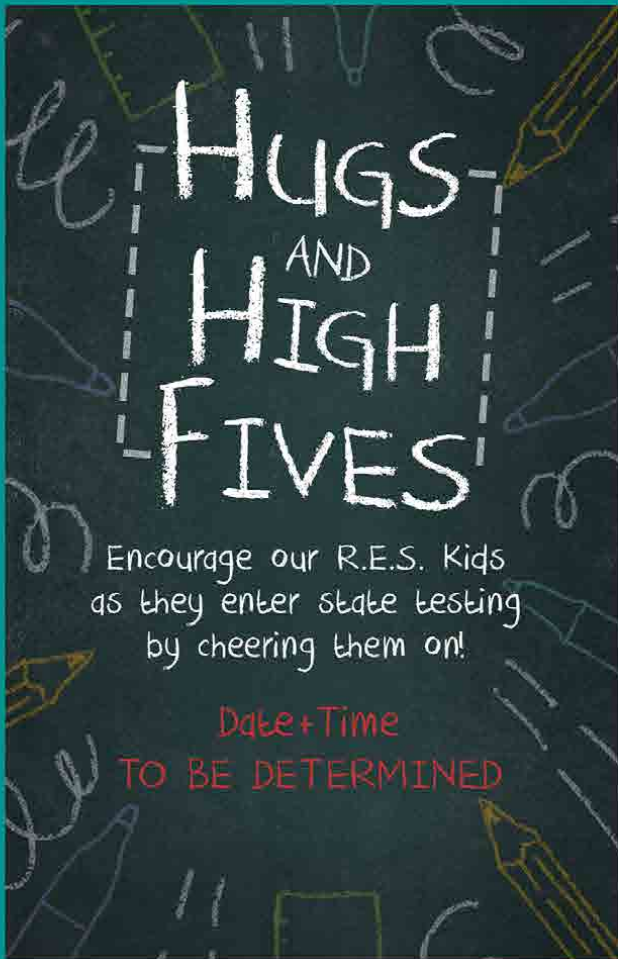
Then at the end of the month they will be meeting with Pastor Doug to talk through their faith decisions and determine if they would like to be confirmed, baptized if they haven't been, and join Trinity Methodist as church members.

Looking Forward: **Confirmation Service**

The 2026 Confirmation Service will be on Saturday, May 16 at 7:00PM in the Trinity Center. We invite our whole church body to join us as we celebrate our 2026 class and the spiritual commitments they are making.



Marie K. Burns, LMSW
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SR. ADULTS
Lunch & Games
April 10, 11:30AM
Fellowship Hall
Come for lunch,
stay for the
fellowship!

Our Compassion Story

In 2023 a small group in our church launched a new Child Development Center through Compassion International in Bwisige, Rwanda. They secured the funding together and once the building project was underway, they came to the church and asked if Trinity would join in with them to sponsor the children who would be attending the center. Shortly after, Trinity hosted the Compassion Journey Event alongside the small group. Over 100 people walked through the journey over a weekend in April, experiencing a day in the life of a child growing up in rural Africa first without, then with, Compassion International. Over 80 children were sponsored that weekend, most at the center in Bwisige. So, that has become our little village.

We want to continue to support these children through our letters of encouragement. If you already have a sponsor child but maybe forget to write, April 12 and 26 are for you! We will have everything you need to write your sponsor child. We will even help you mail it (or email it). This will also be the perfect place to learn more about the center in Bwisige, how to support it, and to find out about sponsoring a child there.

The Mission Prayer Focus for this month is Compassion International, specifically our Compassion Center in Bwisige Rwanda.

- For the children in our village, that they would know Jesus as their Savior.
- For the staff teaching our children, that they would be strong in their faith.
- For there to be plenty of food, clean water, and other necessities.
- For the children to grow physically, cognitively, and spiritually.

Thank You!

TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE
FOSTER PARENTS NIGHT OUT
A SUCCESS!

TRINITYKIDS

Parents, thank you for the commitment you are making to the Children's Ministry at Trinity. As parents, you are the primary disciple-makers in your child's life, but you are not alone. We believe that being involved in the life of the church plays a vital role in forming their faith. It has been a joy to see your kids worshipping, memorizing Scripture, opening their Bibles, and asking thoughtful questions about God. We have loved walking through the Lenten season with your families and look forward to celebrating Easter, learning about the Holy Spirit, and all of the fun, faith building activities we have planned for April.

FAMILY DINNER TABLE QUESTION:

Why do you think the resurrection of Jesus is such good news for us today?

As we approach Easter, we would love to encourage your family to spend a few moments together reflecting on the story of Jesus during Holy Week.

5-Minute Easter Week Devotional

RightNow Media

Resurrection Eggs

*How to Make Resurrection Eggs:
A Step-by-Step Guide for Families*

The Garden, The Curtain & the Cross
Best for Toddlers—6 year olds

Kids Bible Stories Podcast

Each episode is about 8-10 minutes and walks through the events of Holy Week in a way kids can understand.

Easter NOW app

Experience the events of Passion Week in real time.

PRESCHOOL—2ND GRADE WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY

On Wednesday nights we use a workshop rotation model where kids explore one Bible story for several weeks through hands-on activities like art, cooking, games, drama, science, music, technology, and video. Each experience helps them understand and apply the story in a different way.

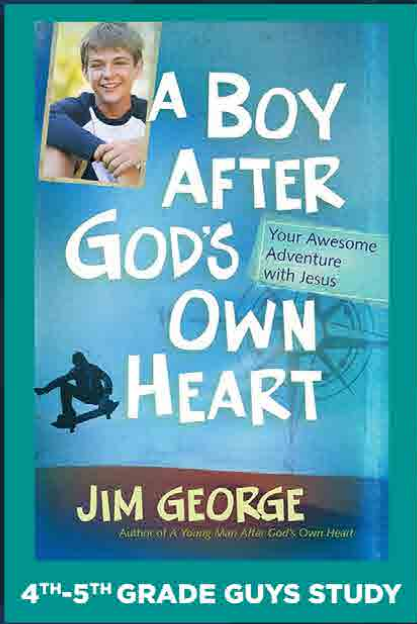


Mrs. Debbie's Sunday School Class plays a jelly bean game using Lint rollers as she introduces the Lenten season to our Kindergarteners and 1ST Graders.



Our 5TH Grade Guys work together to create a banner to celebrate our Risen Lord.



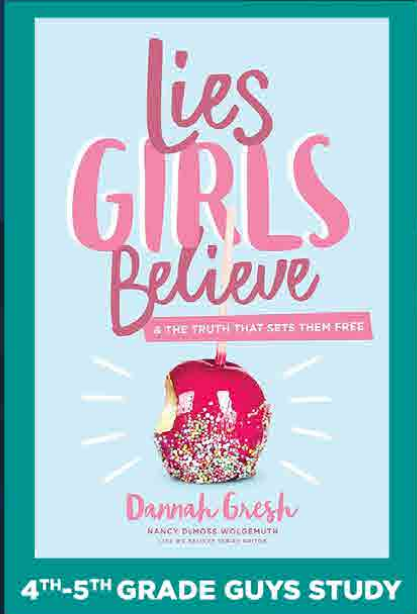


A BOY AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART
Your Awesome Adventure with Jesus
JIM GEORGE
Author of *A Young Man After God's Own Heart*

4TH-5TH GRADE GUYS STUDY



Easter Sunday Kids Celebration
APRIL 5 AT 10AM IN ROOM 300



Lies GIRLS Believe
THE TRUTH THAT SETS THEM FREE
Hannah Gresh
NANCY DUMOSE WOLGENHUT
THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE CENTER

4TH-5TH GRADE GUYS STUDY


The Comforter Has Come!

Bible Point:
The Holy Spirit helps us.

Bible Memory Verse:
"But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." (Galatians 5:22-23)

Bible Lessons:

- ✓ Week 1: Jesus Promises Power From the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:1-11)
- ✓ Week 2: The Holy Spirit Gives Peter Words to Say (Acts 2:14-41)
- ✓ Week 3: Christians in Samaria Receive the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:4-25)
- ✓ Week 4: Paul Writes About the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:16-26)



NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL UNIT



Volunteer For VBS!
RAINFOREST FALLS
June 1st-5th
9am - Noon



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TRINITY YOUTH

Our Youth have had a busy start to the new year! Most recently, they enjoyed an outing to Six Flags in Arlington, Texas. I believe a great time was had by all. April will be just as busy! On Wednesday, April 1 at 6:00PM, there will be a Seder Meal in the gym. The meal is open for anyone to attend. We encourage you to come celebrate this Holy moment with us. A Youth-led Sunrise Service will take place at the Trinity Pavilion behind the Trinity Center, weather permitting, on Easter Sunday at 6:30AM with breakfast to follow. If the weather does not allow us to be outside, we will share an alternate location closer to time. Our local retreats, Wonderfully Made and Man Maker will be April 17–19. Registration is open for these events online. Students that are in 7TH–12TH grade are highly encouraged to attend and even bring a friend. These retreats offer students the opportunity to step away from the chaos of everyday life and enter into community and fellowship with God and others. Parents, please be sure to sign your student up for Revive Summer Camp and Weekend of the Cross. Those days will be here before we know it!



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The Worship For WOC concert was a huge success! Thank you to all who came and showed love to our youth and supported Weekend of the Cross.



We had 176 people in attendance and were able to raise \$4,000 with your help! All glory to God!



CLUB NINE 3 *UPDATE*

Our lessons this month will be about Jesus sightings after he rose from the dead and our activity focus will be gardening. We will serve this month by helping with the church gardens. In March our Clubhouse used our outdoor worship area for a wonderful spontaneous worship service featuring our talented singers and a message on Saul's conversion. Please contact Felicia Dunbar at 318-245-5492 to volunteer with any of our Club Nine 3 programs.



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MONTHLY SCHEDULE

Clubhouse | 9:00AM-2:00PM

Art Class | 5:00-6:00PM

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TRINITY CELEBRATES OUR NEW MEMBER FROM MARCH!

Hunter and Katie Johnson

Along with Frances-Kate, Lucy-James and Pierce Johnson joined the church during the traditional service. The family moved here from Arkansas although Katie is originally from Louisiana!



Melinda Killen

Melinda is from Ruston and has been attending the contemporary worship service for a while and decided to make it official!

Please welcome them and show them the warm, loving community that makes Trinity so special!

A SAFE PLACE TO TALK, HEAL AND BE HEARD

Many of us carry worries, fears, grief, or questions that we quickly tuck away, unsure of where to turn. If you've ever thought, "I don't know if counseling is for me," you are not alone. Sometimes the hardest step is simply starting the conversation. Our church is blessed to have a Christian counselor, Lee Ann Toliver, MCC, on staff. She offers a confidential, grace-filled space for anyone who needs support or guidance. Whether you're navigating stress, relationships, loss, or simply feeling overwhelmed, she is here to walk with you at your own pace, judgement free. Each session is private, confidential, compassionate, and rooted in faith. If you've been hesitant, consider this a gentle invitation. You don't have to carry burdens alone. To schedule a time or ask questions, contact Lee Ann Toliver.

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