

Jan. 4, 2026

Mere Christianity: Week 1

"Nice People or New Creation?"

C. S. Lewis wrote *Mere Christianity* during World War II (1941–1944). The book began as BBC radio talks addressed to a nation under bombardment, loss, and moral confusion.

**Christianity Is Not About Making Bad People Nice**

Lewis's Big Idea: Lewis argues that Christianity does not exist to make us slightly better versions of ourselves. Morality alone can polish behavior, but it cannot change the heart. Church attendance, kindness, and morality are good but they are fruits, not roots. This frees people who feel they're "not good enough" and challenges those who think they are. "Mere improvement is not redemption."

**2 Corinthians 5:17** "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come." Stop asking only, "How can I try harder?" Start asking, "Am I surrendering daily to the Spirit's work in me?" Growth follows life—you don't behave your way into being born again.

**God Is Building a New Humanity, Not Just Saving Individuals**

Lewis's Big Idea: Lewis says Christ is not just making better individuals, He is creating a whole new human family.

**Ephesians 4:22–24** "Put off your old self... be made new in the attitude of your minds... put on the new self."

Salvation is personal, but never private. Lewis emphasizes that the Church is a workshop, not a museum. God's goal is conformity to Christ, not comfort or respectability. The Church should look different, not perfect, but alive. Discipleship is learning to live as part of God's new humanity. "If Christianity were just about being nice, Jesus wouldn't have had to die. But if Christianity is about new life, then the resurrection changes everything."

We  
Would  
Love To  
Meet You!

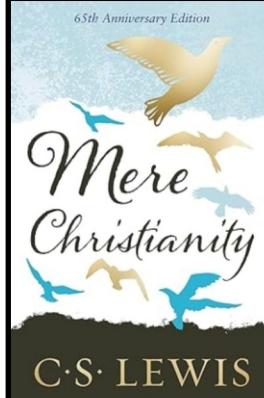
- CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
- YOUTH MINISTRY
- WELCOME CENTER/GREETER
- CONNECT WITH PASTOR

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE/EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Whole Church  
Study

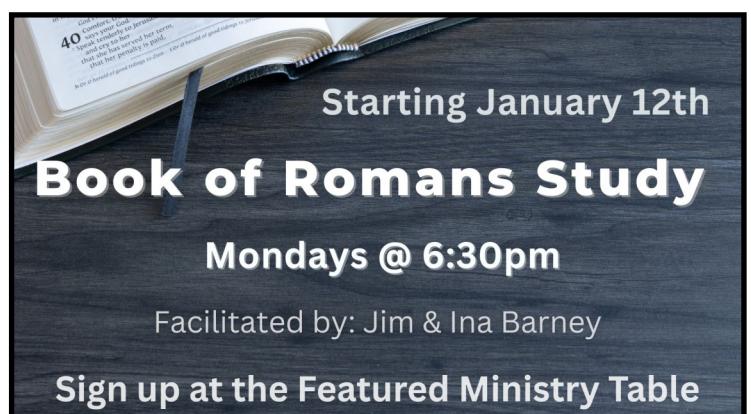
**A thoughtful  
exploration of  
Christian belief,  
morality, and faith.**



**RE Returns** JANUARY 14TH



MIDDLE SCHOOL - 6:30  
HIGH SCHOOL - 7:30



I would like more  
information about



# PASTOR JIM'S BIBLE STUDY

Every Thursday + Friday  
10:00 a.m. at the church!  
All are welcome!



# GIVE ONLINE

Simple. Safe. Secure.



**Mobile App:**  
**“Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement”**  
or @ [www.mytrinity.us](http://www.mytrinity.us)

Thank you for your gift!!



Stop by the Welcome Center  
if you are interested  
in serving



# 2026 GIVING ENVELOPES

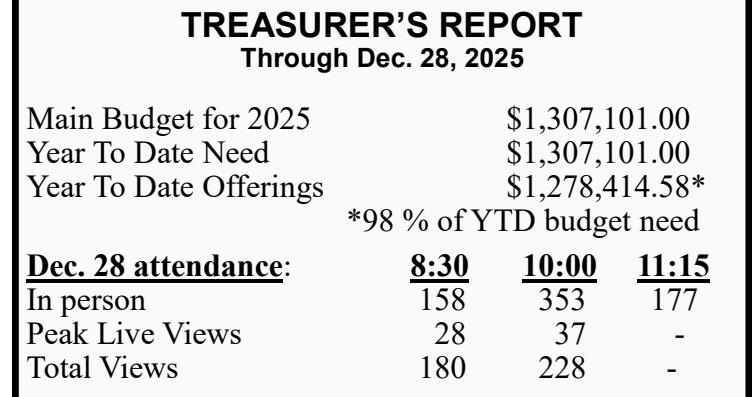
If you currently use offering envelopes, your new box is available at the Featured Ministries Table. If you would like to receive envelopes, please let the church office know.

Thank you.

Trinity  
Evangelical  
CHURCH



2025 Giving  
Statements will be  
sent by email. If you  
would like a paper  
copy of your  
donations, please  
contact the  
church office.



## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Through Dec. 28, 2025

Main Budget for 2025	\$1,307,101.00
Year To Date Need	\$1,307,101.00
Year To Date Offerings	\$1,278,414.58*

<u>Dec. 28 attendance:</u>	<u>8:30</u>	<u>10:00</u>	<u>11:15</u>
In person	158	353	177
Peak Live Views	28	37	-
Total Views	180	228	-

