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"TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN"

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."

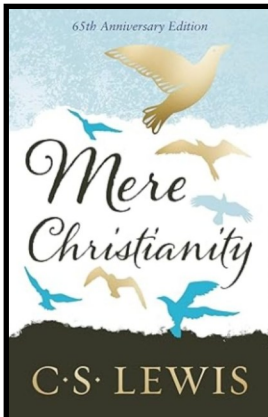
2 Corinthians 5:17 *"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come."* Stop asking only, "How can I try harder?" Start asking, "Am I surrendering daily to the Spirit's work in me?" Growth follows life—you don't behave your way into being born again.

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."*

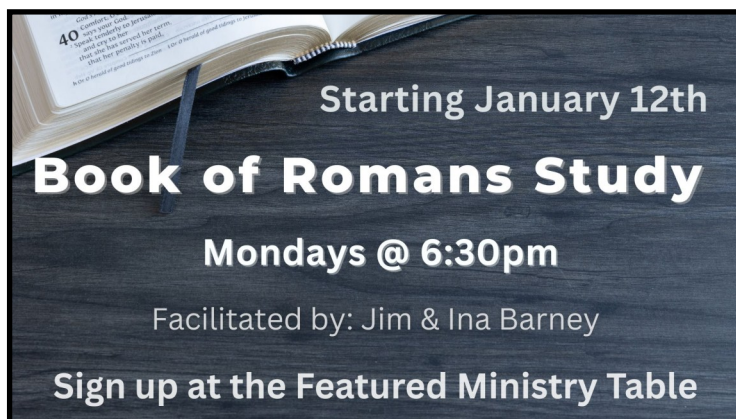
Salvation is personal, but never private. Lewis emphasizes that the Church is a workshop, not a museum. God's goal is conformity to Christ, not comfort or respectability. The Church should look different, not perfect, but alive. Discipleship is learning to live as part of God's new humanity. "If Christianity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



Whole Church Study
A thoughtful exploration of Christian belief, morality, and faith.



Sunday Morning Bible Study
Starting Jan. 11th
10:00am
Sign up at the
Featured Ministries Table
Led by Jim & Ina Barney



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would
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meet you!

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- ☐ YOUTH MINISTRY
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- ☐ CONNECT WITH PASTOR

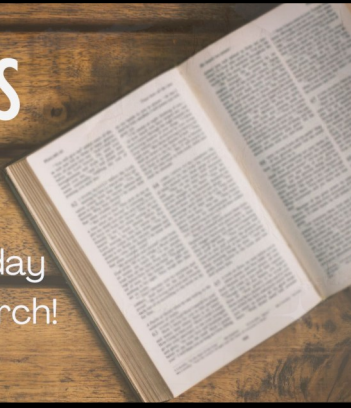
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PASTOR JIM'S BIBLE STUDY

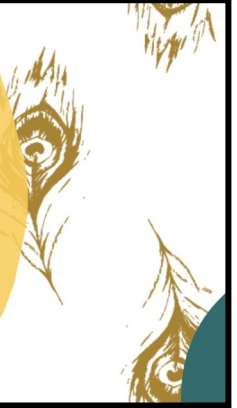
Every Thursday + Friday
10:00 a.m. at the church!
All are welcome!



Moms!
Join us
2nd & 4th Tuesdays
from 9-10:30 a.m.
here at Trinity!

RETURNS Jan. 13th

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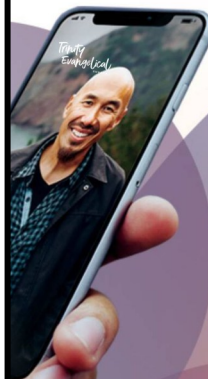
If you currently use offering envelopes, your new box is available at the Featured Ministries Table. If you would like to receive envelopes, please let the church office know.

Thank you.

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Welcome Center,
Hosts, & Ushers
needed!

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if you are interested
in serving



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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*
	*98 % of YTD budget need

<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	-

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Need Prayer?

Place your prayer request in the box as you leave service today, and we will pray for you this coming week!

