

# TBC Youth Ministry

Minister Serena Brown-Travis

In my final year of seminary, Pastor Davis assigned me with a task, Get the children back. Here's the report...

God grew TBC's youth ministry! Proof that nothing will be impossible with God.

Trinity Baptist Church Youth are thriving. From Baptisms, Pastor's Deans List, recognizing the student's academic achievements, and to the new Youth Usher Ministry, 2023 was a year of reboot, renewal, and revitalization.

We learned how to knit with yarn, highlighting that God knitted us in our mother's womb, baked homemade cookies, displaying that anything we touch God will bless, (a lesson from Deuteronomy), and touched real cotton vines to bring to life the sacrifices our ancestors made for us to name a few.

Over the year, I discovered TBC's youth have talent. We have dancers, singers, and I assigned some of the youth to teach their peers in which improves their communication skills, confidence, and prepares them for the future.

TBC's Youth Ministry is also leaving a thumb print in the community as we've participated in local events including a fun day at the YMCA, sponsored a team dinner with the East High School Football Team, and partnered with the Columbus Zoo for a summer visit.



Looking ahead, we look forward to incorporating more youth participation on the third Sunday of every month, a BYOB Sunday, where the youth will "Bring Your Own Bible", to gain a greater understanding of the Word of God, and a TBC Youth Economic division a Sunday dedicated to teaching entrepreneurship and craftsmanship.

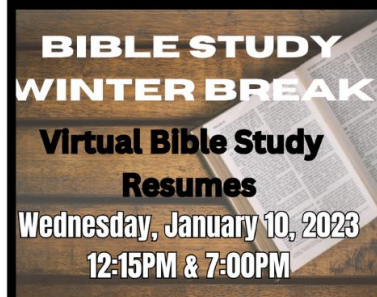
This brief recap doesn't mention how honored I am to be a part of TBC and the assignment God has placed on this season of my life.

I am forever indebted to Pastor Davis for trusting me with his vision and giving me creative liberty to flow in what the Lord has etched on my heart. My husband Will Travis for his weekly support and encouragement. My daughters Sydnie and Sierra. Sis. Victoria Yarborough, Sis. Denia Jefferson-Amos, Sis. Teresa Winston-McConnell, Sis. Paula Palmer and those of you who have secretly adopted a youth by being a prayer warrior, provider, and encourager.



To all of the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and neighbors who bring your children out to participate, THANK YOU.

I am trusting God to guide the TBC Youth Ministry for the future.



*In Memory Contribution...*

Given to the Nehemiah Fund in memory of Frances Bailey and Frankie Metcalf by daughters and granddaughters, Pamela and Marilyn Bailey.

## Congratulations on Your Retirement Rev. Toney

Victoria Yarborough, TVPH



For 27 years Rev. Thomas Toney has served on the staff of Trinity as a maintenance person, building manager and minister of congregational care. Although he will no longer be apart of the administrative ministry, he will continue to serve as an associate minister of the church.

Thank you Rev. Toney for all you have done to assist in keeping Trinity moving forward in serving God's people. He will be formally recognized formally in the future.

*Truly Grateful for you.*



Submitted by Victoria Yarborough, TVPH

Thank you to the partners Good Kitchen 614, NIX Development, Affordable Housing Trust, NAACP Columbus Branch, The Robert Weiler Company, and all of the wonderful, faithful and cheerful volunteers. The Community Christmas Meal gathering was a true success because of all of you. Giving a "special" shoutout and thanks to the best Pastor this side of the Jordan (smile), Rev. Victor Davis for your vision, leadership and forward thinking in serving the community and beyond.

**CELEBRATE**  
**MLK** *Martin Luther King Jr.* **MONDAY JAN 15**



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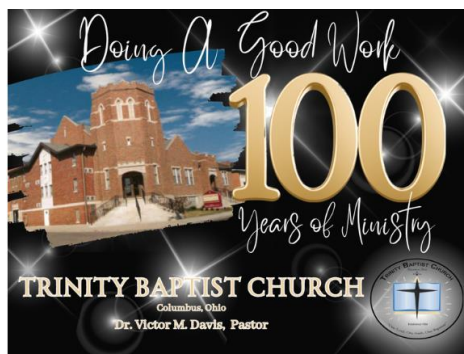
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## FAST WITH A FOCUS: Faith, Family & Future

Dr. Victor M. Davis

**...I proclaimed a fast, so that we might humble ourselves before our God and ask him for a safe journey for us and our children, with all our possession...So we fasted and petitioned our God about this, and he answered our prayer. -Ezra 8:21-23**

As we enter our 100th year of ministry, it is without question that God has blessed us to "Do a Good Work." We have continued to serve because of the prayers, and sacrifices of those past and present who trusted God in faith. This year we FAST WITH A FOCUS, Sunday, January 14th – Sunday February 4th.

### 1. Fasting quiets your inner "self."

This is the main thing we are called to do as Christians—deny ourselves and focus on God and others. Fasting teaches us to not seek immediate gratification. You are not going to die because you feel hungry.

### 2. Through fasting, you gain power over physical desires.

We are meant to control our physical passions with the use of our reason, and fasting is a practice in exactly that. If you can master your hunger, you can master your anger, lust, pride, and so on.

### 3. Fasting helps you grow in gratitude.

It's hard to be grateful for food when we are constantly eating it and never truly experience hunger. We don't even really enjoy food when we are eating

very frequently. Fasting teaches us to appreciate food, but also many other blessings and pleasures in our lives.

### 4. When you fast, you can "offer it up."

When Jesus went into the desert to pray, he fasted too. Prayer and fasting go hand in hand. You can offer up your fasting for yourself, for your marriage, for a friend, for the Church, or for some special intention. It's powerful!

### 5. Through fasting, we gain strength to do hard things.

The practice of fasting teaches us to accept suffering that comes our way and be patient in it, because we know it will not last forever. It's a discipline that teaches us to trust in God for our strength.

### 6. Fasting empties you and prepares you to receive God.

When we empty ourselves out physically, we become prepared to receive God's grace, strength, love, and presence. Physical hunger is a physical manifestation of a spiritual hunger and longing for God. Fasting helps us to see this and practice being receptive to God in our "emptiness."

Feel free to fast as you desire. If you are under the care of a health professional, please consult with them before there is a change in your diet. Fasting does not have to be exclusively from food. It can be from any activity that hinders one's spiritual walk of faith. Fast and pray expecting God to hear, answer and act.

For further fast considerations reference the fast handout that may be obtained at the information table in the rear of the sanctuary or the church website [www.trinity-baptist.com](http://www.trinity-baptist.com).

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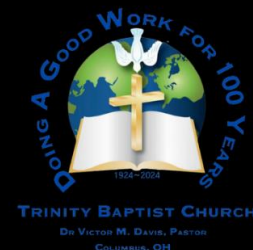
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### OUR MISSION

Trinity Baptist Church is empowered by the Holy Spirit to compel the world to salvation and discipleship through Christ Jesus.





JANUARY 2024

# “THE TITLE”

JANE PHELLS, AUTHOR

TRINITY DISCIPLE

THIS YEAR WHAT “TITLE” SHALL YOU CARRY? WHAT SONG WILL  
YOU SING? WHAT MESSAGE WILL YOU DELIVER?

IS THERE ANY PEACE OR JOY IT WILL BRING? YOU MAY SOMETIMES  
THINK AND WONDER AFTER DAYS, MONTHS, THEN YEARS GO BY.

DID YOU KNOW OF GOD’S SALVATION, AND THAT ON HIM YOU CAN  
RELY?

A “TITLE” LISTED ON PAPER, OR A NAME TAG YOU CAN BUY, BUT  
GOD’S ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, JESUS, GAVE HIS LIFE FOR YOU AND  
ME.

THERE’S NO CHARGE YOU SEE BECAUSE GOD’S SALVATION IS  
FREE. THE PRICE WAS PAID WITH THE CHOICE GOD MADE.

ALREADY GIVEN, “A CHILD OF THE KING”. ALL YOU MUST DO IS  
TRUST HIM AND BELIEVE.

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## JANUARY DEVOTIONAL READING

BOYD'S COMMENTARY FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

**January 1 - 7: Monday** The Heavenly Kind Rewards the Righteous (**Isaiah 33:15-22**). **Tuesday** Promises and Praises for Righteousness (**Psalms 106:1-12**). **Wednesday** The Faith of Israel's Ancestors (**Hebrews 11:20-29**). **Thursday** The Victory of Faith (**Hebrews 11:32-40**). **Friday** Despite Sin, God's Covenant Prevails (**Psalms 106:13,26-27,42-48**). **Saturday** Righteousness through Jesus Christ (**Romans 5:12-21**). **Sunday** Assurance and Conviction through Faith (**Hebrews 11:1-4,7,8,17-18,20-23,32.39-40**).

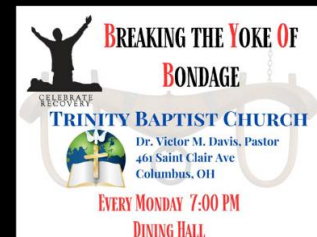
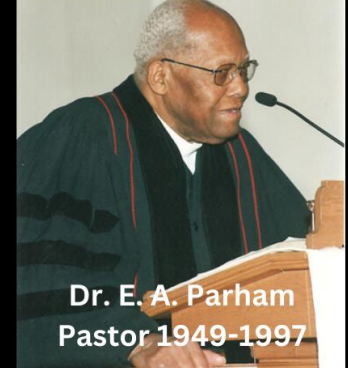
**January 8 - 14: Monday** God's Word Lights My Path (**Psalms 119:97-112**). **Tuesday** Rest to the Weary (**Matthew 11:25-30**). **Wednesday** I Put My Trust in God (**Psalms 56**). **Thursday** Trust in the Unchanging Lord (**Hebrews 13:5-16**). **Friday** I Will Not Leave You Orphaned (**John 14:18-27**). **Saturday** God's Surpassing Wisdom (**1 Corinthians 2:6-16**). **Sunday** Trust in the Lord (**Proverbs 3:1-12**).

**January 15 - 21: Monday** Praise the God Who Comforts (**2 Corinthians 1:3-11**). **Tuesday** God Delivers Me from My Fears (**Psalms 34:1-10**). **Wednesday** God's Eyes Are on the Righteous (**Psalms 34:11-22**). **Thursday** Encourage One Another (**1 Thess. 5:1-15**). **Friday** Rejoice, Pray, and Give Thanks (**1 Thess. 5:16-28**). **Saturday** Remember God's Power and Might (**2 Chronicles 20:5-12**). **Sunday** Do Not Be Dismayed (**2 Chronicles 20:13-20**).

**January 22 - 28: Monday** A New Spirit and Heart (**Ezekiel 11:17-21**). **Tuesday** A Transforming Testimony (**John 9:17-25**). **Wednesday** Be Holy, for God Is Holy (**Leviticus 20:22-26**). **Thursday** A Prayer for Transformation (**Psalms 51:1-15**). **Friday** God Breathes New Life (**Ezekiel 37:1-14**). **Saturday** From Death to Life (**1 John 3:14-24**). **Sunday** God Gives Different Gifts (**Romans 12:3-8**).

**January 29 - February 4: Monday** Gentiles Become Fellow Heirs (**Eph. 3:14-21**). **Tuesday** Sing of God's Might (**Psalms 89:1-13**). **Wednesday** Rely on God (**1 Chronicles 16:8-22**). **Thursday** God Reigns in Power (**Rev. 11:14-19**). **Friday** The Power of God for Salvation (**Romans 1:8-17**). **Saturday** Be Strong in the Lord (**Eph. 6:10-18**). **Sunday** Wait on God, Who Gives Strength (**Isaiah 40:12-13,25-31**).

## THROW BACK PHOTO





## Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Celebrate 117th Founder's Day



The brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Rho Lambda alumni and and collegiate chapters of central Ohio commemorate their 117th founder's day on December 4th, 2023. Founded in Ithica, New York at Cornell University, the fraternity is the oldest African American Greek letter collegiate organization.

### THANK YOU FOR GIVING

Diane Ford, Treasurer

Thank you for your giving through the year. Your Tithes and Offerings continue in supporting the vision of the church.

Teach them in their youth. She loves placing her offering in the basket each Sunday. Don't get upstaged by a 3 year old.



### 2023 GIVING STATEMENT

If you would like a copy of your 2023 Giving Statement, send an email to [trustees@trinity-baptist.com](mailto:trustees@trinity-baptist.com), or call the church office at 614.258.9583.



**Can you name these  
Trinity church ladies?**

### EXTENDED CARE

Raymond Humphrey  
Scioto Community Assisted Living

Gladys Winston  
Mayfair Village Nursing Care Center

Lillie Tanyhill  
Otterbein Senior Life Gahanna

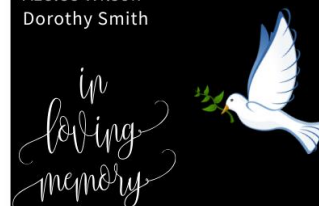
Gwen K. Lawson  
Paramount Senior Living Polaris

Leroy Caslin, Jr.  
Smith's Mills Rehab  
New Albany

Beatrice Tanksley  
Scioto Community Assisted  
Living

### HOME

Florence Rogers-Adams  
Hannah Anderson  
David Baker  
Vivian & Curtis Blakely  
Reatha Brown  
Lorraine Collier  
Peggy Fulgham  
Rev. Adrienne Freeman  
Mary Hardy  
Mary Harmon  
Margaret Henderson  
Ronald Holloway  
Denise Johnson  
Nona McKinney  
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