



# TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

## *Monthly Newsletter*

January 2018

### Weekly Reports

<b>Dec. 3</b>	
Sunday School	39
Discipleship Training	50
Offering	\$2,364.00
Bdgt. Requirement	\$2,906.81
<b>Dec. 10</b>	
Sunday School	35
Discipleship Training	50
Offering	\$3,546.00
Bdgt. Requirement	\$2,906.81
<b>Dec. 17</b>	
Sunday School	40
Discipleship Training	50
Offering	\$1,454.00
Bdgt. Requirement	\$2,906.81
<b>Dec. 24</b>	
Sunday School	38
Discipleship Training	50
Offering	\$2,375.00
Bdgt. Requirement	\$2,906.81
<b>Dec. 31</b>	
Sunday School	45
Discipleship Training	50
Offering	\$1,035.10
Bdgt. Requirement	\$2,906.81
<b>Offering Surplus or Deficit</b>	
<b>Five Weeks:</b>	- \$ 3,759.95
<b>YTD through Nov. 30</b>	- \$26,256.43

### From Pastor Dale

**Genesis 32:19, 24 NAU** - "Then Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. Then he said, 'let me go, for the dawn is breaking.' But he said, 'I will not let you go unless you bless me.'"

This passage takes place after Jacob gathered his family and possessions in Haran, and departed from his father-in-law, Laban. As he neared the country of Edom, he became fearful of facing his brother Esau after so many years. The last time he had seen Esau was after he had taken his brother's birthright and Esau had pledged to kill him. Fearing the fury of his brother, he divides his wives and possessions into two groups and then went off to be alone. It was at this time that Jacob was confronted by a man with whom he wrestled the entire night. We know this to be a Divine visitation of the pre-incarnate Christ. It was a fierce struggle and Jacob was wounded with a dislocated hip—he was brought to his knees before the living God.

This passage is rich in meaning for God's people. Our flesh is powerful and must be subdued. There are times when, in our stubbornness, we find ourselves wrestling with God. It is in God's wonderful mercy that He continues to humble and subdue us. It also speaks to the necessity of persevering. We must press on. We must not step back nor lose our grip upon God. This is also true in our prayer life. We must press on in prayer, even when it seems that God is not hearing. Paul's words, "Pray without ceasing" but be our life. We must not cease to pray. We must repeat the words of Jacob, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." Don't give up praying!

This passage also gives an important truth to the lost man seeking Christ. We have all seen the tragic cases where a person appears to have interest in Christ for a season, but then leaves off seeking Him. He declares in his heart, "I don't love God and I never will." Such a person will perish in his sin. The Christian is one who makes Christ his greatest interest. He lays hold of Christ, determined to follow Him. He says with Jacob, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." Thomas Watson wrote, "The right way to take heaven is by storm; or thus, none will get into heaven but violent ones. Though heaven be given to us freely, yet we must contend for it. The Christian is resolved, come what will, he will have heaven." If you have an interest in Christ, flee to Him. Don't cease. Don't allow the love of your idols to rob you of eternal life. Take hold of Christ! "He who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him" (Heb.11:6)

### Morsels For Meditation

"Apart from the bright hope of the gospel everything would be meaningless."

- Poul Madsen

*Pastor Dale Crawford*



**Door to Door Evangelism**  
**Saturday, Jan. 27**  
**at 9:00 a.m.**



**Fellowship Meals**  
**Jan. 14 & 28**

## Monthly Calendar at a Glance

- Jan. 2 - Ladies' Study
- Jan. 6 - Men's Study/Work Day
- Jan. 7 - Elder's Meeting
- Jan. 14 - Fellowship Meal
- Jan. 21 - Council Meeting
- Jan. 27 - Door-to-Door Evangelism
- Jan. 28 - Fellowship Meal



**Nursery**

- Jan. 7 A.M. - Will, Anisa, Pat  
P.M. - Carlo & Melody  
DT - Amy C. & Karen
- Jan. 14 A.M. - Chad & Amy  
P.M. - Nancy & Pat  
DT - Amy C. & Karen
- Jan. 21 A.M. - Karen & Amy S.,  
P.M. - Nicole & Pat  
DT - Amy C. & Karen
- Jan. 28 A.M. - Carlo & Melody  
P.M. - Angela & Pat  
DT - Amy C. & Karen



**Kitchen Duty**

- Jan. 14 Yvonne Sipe  
Tate Shelby  
Anna Slayton  
Amy Shelby
- Jan. 21 Anisa Nelson  
Pat Crawford  
Amy Chauvin  
Carolyn Spicer



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Ladies' Study 7:00 pm	3	4	5	6 Men's Study/ Work Day 7:00 am
7 Elder's Meeting 4:00 pm	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Fellowship Meal	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Council Meeting 4:00 pm	22	23	24	25	26	27 Door-to-door Evangelism 9:00 am
28 Fellowship Meal	29	30	31			