



# TRINITY

BAPTIST CHURCH

## Monthly Newsletter

March 2018

### Weekly Reports

<b>Feb. 4</b>	
Sunday School	33
Discipleship Training	50
Offering	\$2,201.50
Bdgt. Requirement	\$2,720.69
<b>Feb. 11</b>	
Sunday School	40
Discipleship Training	50
Offering	\$ 951.20
Bdgt. Requirement	\$2,720.69
<b>Feb. 18</b>	
Sunday School	41
Discipleship Training	50
Offering	\$1,796.45
Bdgt. Requirement	\$2,720.69
<b>Feb. 25</b>	
Sunday School	38
Discipleship Training	50
Offering	\$2,979.00
Bdgt. Requirement	\$2,720.69

#### Offering Surplus or Deficit

**Four Weeks:** - \$ 2,944.61  
**YTD through Jan. 31** - \$ 3,800.94

### From Pastor Dale

**1 Chron. 29:19 NAU** - "Give to my son Solomon a perfect heart to keep Your commandments, Your testimonies and Your statutes, and to do them all."

**1 Chron. 29:25 NAU** - "The Lord highly exalted Solomon in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed on him royal majesty which had not been on any king before him in Israel."

**1 Kings 11:4** - "For when Solomon was old, his wives turned his heart away after other gods; and his heart was not wholly devoted to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father had been."

What a tragic end to this excellent life. Solomon had every advantage. He had a Godly father who stood before him in righteousness and prayed for him. He was blessed of God beyond any of the other kings. He was granted wisdom that was greater than any man—"I have given you a wise and discerning heart, so that there has been no one like you before you, nor shall one like you arise after you" (1 Kings 3:12). But we read that he had a tragic end. When he was old his heart was turned away from God. What happened?

Did Solomon's wisdom lead him to be swallowed up in pride? This is surely a great danger for all of us. Did his great affluence lead to extravagance and excess that began to captivate his heart? This too is a great danger. Paul warned that the love of money has led many to wander away from the faith (1 Tim. 6:10). Was it his many wives that drew his affection and caused him to fall away? After all, our text tells us, "his wives turned his heart away after other gods." The truth is, all of these things were just temptations; the idols that were destroying him.

Solomon's chief problem was that his heart began to grow cold towards God. As years passed he gradually ceased calling upon God in prayer. He ceased standing in awe of His greatness and glory. God ceased to have the place of preeminence in his life. As God declined in significance in Solomon's life, it was a small step to fall into ever-increasing idolatry. It was a matter of the heart. God says, "Thou shalt have no other gods before Me." Solomon gradually allowed his life to be filled with other gods. It was a subtle change until in the end he was actually building shrines to his idols.

This must stand as a warning to all of us. The text tells us, "When Solomon was old . . ." His good life ended tragically. We must be consumed with the desire to not only live well but to finish well. Idolatry comes with great subtlety. We don't recognize that our lives are being consumed by them; the small concessions and compromises, the secret loves that captivate our hearts. If left unchecked, they will destroy us. What are your idols? Can you see the great danger? "O God, help us to finish well."

*Pastor Dale Crawford*

### Morsels For Meditation

"We have an unchanging gospel, which is not today green grass and tomorrow dry hay; but always the abiding truth of the immutable Jehovah."

- C.H. Spurgeon



**Daylight Saving  
Time Begins**  
Sunday Morning,  
March 11

## Monthly Calendar at a Glance

- Mar. 3 - Men's Study/Work Day
- Mar. 4 - Elder's Meeting
- Mar. 6 - Ladies' Study
- Mar. 11 - Fellowship Meal
- Mar. 17 - St. Patrick's Day Parade  
Tract Evangelism
- Mar. 18 - Council Meeting
- Mar. 25 - Fellowship Meal
- Mar. 30 - Church Picnic at  
Fontainebleau State Park



**Fontainebleau  
State Park**  
**Church Picnic**  
Friday, March 30

**St. Patrick's Day  
Parade Evangelism**  
Saturday, March 17  
at 9:00 am



- Mar. 4      A.M. - Angela & Pat  
              P.M. - Nicole & Karen  
              DT - Amy C. & Melody
- Mar. 11     A.M. - Chad & Amy  
              P.M. - Carlo & Melody  
              DT - Amy C. & Melody
- Mar. 18     A.M. - Will & Anisa  
              P.M. - Nancy & Pat  
              DT - Amy C. & Melody
- Mar. 25     A.M. - Amy S. & Angela  
              P.M. - Karen & Pat  
              DT - Amy C. & Melody



## Kitchen Duty

- Mar. 11     Yvonne Sipe  
              Tate Shelby  
              Anisa Nelson  
              Amy Shelby
- Mar. 25     Pat Crawford  
              Gina Jones  
              Amy Chauvin  
              Carolyn Spicer



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Men's Study/ Work Day 7:00 am
4 Elder's Meeting 4:00 pm	5	6 Ladies' Study 7:00 pm	7	8	9	10
11 Fellowship Meal	12	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day Parade Pass Out Tracts
18 Council Meeting 4:00 pm	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Fellowship Meal	26	27	28	29	30 Church Picnic at Fontainebleau State Park 10:00 am	31