

From the Pastor



Jewish people are so amazing! They have been through more difficulty than any group of people on the face of the earth, and unfortunately anti-Semitism is still around. And yet, though so many civilizations that tried to destroy them are no longer in existence, incredibly--they are still here. They have re-emerged as one of the greatest nations on earth. 9 million Jewish people have migrated back to Israel in the last 70 years to fulfill the Old Testament prophecies!

Sometimes the greatest gifts are the ones that take the longest to develop. Just look at the prophecy about the coming of the Jewish Messiah. It wasn't until 1,000 years after David prophesied about the coming Messiah that Jesus was born. And David's description in Psalm 110 was 250 years before Isaiah prophesied that He would be born of a virgin. Micah also prophesied around the same time as Isaiah that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem (Hello--that's where Jesus was born!).

All that to say, some of us have been waiting a long time for our prayers to be answered and our desires to be fulfilled. Don't ever give up hope! Waiting takes an ordinary wine and turns it into something exquisite. Wait expectantly, hope extravagantly. God will show up, just like He already has...

Blessings,

Randy & Pam

NEW TO OUR CHURCH?

Welcome to Trinity Life Center! We are so glad you joined us today. Here are some things you can do to be connected:

- Fill out our **Welcome Card** inside the Guest Packet handed to you by our Ushers and exchange it for a gift from us at the Information Desk in the Lobby.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

9AM - Connect Point for all ages (see campus map for class locations)
Sanctuary
Insights Prayer

10AM - Worship Service
Sanctuary
Kids Zone Rm# C106, 107

CONNECTION WEDNESDAYS

7PM - Worship Service
Sanctuary
Royal Rangers Rm# 201, 202, 204
Girls Ministries Rm# 203
IgNITE for Teens Rm# C111

THURSDAY MORNING

10am - Mountain Movers
Sanctuary

Randy & Pam GreerLEAD PASTOR

Vic & Sara CarusoSENIOR ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Jimmy & Jamie FirzlaffEXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE PASTOR

Mike & Marjorie HusliASSOCIATE PASTOR / CHILDREN

Dave & Sandi Grecco WORSHIP LEADER

Daniel & Jinay Kline YOUTH PASTOR

Barbara Potop ASSOCIATE PASTOR/PRAYER MINISTRY & MT MOVERS

Oretta Andrews..... YOUNG ADULTS PASTOR

Larry Wayne Morbitt CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Kleg Seth..... ASSOCIATE PASTOR / SAM'S & HOSPITAL VISITATION

Olga Gonzalez.....PASTORAL INTERN



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December 2, 2018



Pastor Randy Greer

“The Birth of Eternal Hope”

Matthew 2:1-12



EVENTS

SUNDAY MORNING INSIGHTS 9am

Please join with Pastors Randy, Vic and Dave as Vic prays through the Scriptures. Join us for this series and all the blessings that come from learning how to pray God's Word. We also have different classes through Connect Point. Pick up a Connect Point Class Catalog at the info desk and choose the class best suited for you.

OUR YOUTH MINISTRY WILL APPEAR SAT., DEC 8...

from 5:30-10:30pm at the Annual Glittering Lights experience at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway. The experience takes 25/30 minutes to drive thru. \$20 per vehicle. **DO NOT FOLLOW GPS** due to construction. Take I15N, exit 54, right on Speedway Blvd. Continued on Speedway Blvd. Entry is half mile on right.

DAVE ROE, OUR SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES...

coordinator says that for their Dec 14, 10:30am luncheon an invitation is extended to, "SENIOR SINGERS SOUGHT SO SONGS OF THE SAVIOR'S SIMPLE START WILL SOUND SO SPECTACULAR!!!" Whether you sing or not if you're over 50 you will certainly enjoy this fun loving group. Mike & Sheryl Wyatt will be the special guest Worship Leaders.

PLEASE BRING IN NEW AND UNWRAPPED TOYS..

Sundays, Dec 9 and 16 and place around the altar for our Annual Drive to provide a *Toys for Christmas* for children in need. You may also bring them to the Church Office during business hours. Also, we need gift cards for our teens and families in need during season. If you would like us to do the shopping, mark your donation, "toy ministry." If YOU are in NEED, please see Pastor Vic or Christina at the church office.

REMEMBER: WITH APRIL 15 NOT FAR AWAY, END OF YEAR GIVING MAY BE BENEFICIAL!!!

DETAILS OF EVENTS AND REGISTRATION SHEETS ARE LOCATED IN THE MAIN LOBBY

UPCOMING EVENTS

COME CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH TLC...



SAT, DECEMBER 8 FROM 5:30-10:30PM

Our Ignite Youth Ministries will be portraying the Nativity Characters at the popular

THE LIVING NATIVITY at GLITTERING LIGHTS at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway...!

Plan now to drive thru with family & friends to view the extraordinary lights displays followed by our teens depicting, "The Christmas Story!"

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 AT 10AM

Our Kid's Zone will present the Musical,

THE CHRISTMAS CAROL SPECIAL REPORT

directed by Ginnie Wilson.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23 AT 10AM

Our Music Department presents,

FOREVER CHRISTMAS

featuring our Worship team and Band.

DECEMBER 24 AT 5PM

Larry Wayne in Concert

with very special guest,

Jamie Firzloff.

Church Office will be closed 12/24-1/3

SERMON NOTES

Matthew 2:1-12 (NLT)

VISITORS FROM THE EAST

²Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, ²"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him."

³King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem. ⁴He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked, "Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?"

⁵"In Bethlehem in Judea," they said, "for this is what the prophet wrote:

⁶"And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for my people Israel."

⁷Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared. ⁸Then he told them, "Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!"

⁹After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were filled with joy!

¹¹They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

¹²When it was time to leave, they returned to their own country by another route, for God had warned them in a dream not to return to Herod.