



Trinity Baptist Church  
Benton, Arkansas  
a heart for God, a heart for people

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*“Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.” Matthew 13:58*

Isn't it interesting that in Jesus own hometown of Nazareth, it says that Jesus was not able to do any mighty works because of their unbelief. Jesus had begun his public ministry, but back in Nazareth the people were saying, “He is just the carpenter's son... we know his family...we have known him since he was a child...how could he be the Messiah...where did he learn these things?” The result of their unbelief was that they missed out on truly seeing and experiencing what Jesus could do in their community.

In contrast, as Jesus had previously put it in Matthew 9:29 when talking to the two blind men seeking the restoration of their sight, “According to your faith be it done unto you.” The result was the restoration of their sight. And we clearly see an example of the “might works” Jesus can do when faith is present.

Well this month, I am asking you to join me in believing God for what Jesus can do in our lives and in our community as we commit to pray and prepare for a “Community Tent Crusade” on September 8-12. Using a 350-400 person tent provided by our State Convention set up on the land we just purchased on Edison next to our Parking Lot, we will have a very unique and highly visible opportunity to express our faith in what Jesus can do to our community.

As your Pastor, I want you to know that as we work through all the logistics and trust the Lord to guide us in our preparations, I am claiming Ephesians 3:20 that God will be able to do “exceedingly, abundantly” more than any of us can even “think or imagine”. And I want to urge you to commit to “believing” with me for the “Mighty Works” Jesus can do in our community through this effort.

And I want to be clear, I am not just praying and wanting this to be another “Event” in the life of our Church. I am praying it will be a “Catalyst” to our having a greater on going impact for Christ in our community than we have ever had before!

Looking forward to seeing you this coming Sunday as we gather together for our 9:15am Worship Service followed by our 10:30am Sunday School. And if you have not joined us for our 6pm Sunday Night Service in a while, all I can say is you are missing a true blessing!

Your Pastor & Friend,  
*Bro. Mike*

## Attendance

Date	Sunday School	Worship
July 1	157	162
July 8	143	156
July 15	146	148
July 22	151	156
July 29	144	158

### Undesignated Offering received for

July 1	\$ 7,980.50
July 8	\$ 6,254.00
July 15	\$ 5,749.00
July 22	\$ 9,274.00
July 29	\$ 4,583.00

Online Giving this month—\$1,928.00

**Undesignated Offering 2018—\$196,116.98**

## Weekly Opportunities

<b>Sunday</b>	<b><u>Morning Worship</u></b>	<b>9:15 a.m.</b>
	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
	<b>Women's Bible Study</b>	<b>3:30 p.m.</b>
	<b>Men's Fraternity</b>	<b>3:30 p.m.</b>
	<b>Choir Practice</b>	<b>4:45 p.m.</b>
	<b>Evening Worship</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Men's Prayer Breakfast</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
	<b>(At Saline Memorial Hospital)</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Church Visitation</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Men's Prayer Group</b>	<b>5:30 a.m.</b>
	<b>Supper</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
	<b>Adult Study &amp; Prayer</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
	<b>Student "SURGE"</b>	



## WOW

We will meet Saturday, Aug. 11, at 10 am. We will have brunch and view the movie "I Can Only Imagine". We will also discuss making a cookbook and the Women's Retreat (Nov. 2&3)

**Prayer Shawl - August 18 at 10:00 a.m.**



## SONSHINE SENIORS

We will be going to the Gann Museum to see their WWII exhibit on Tuesday, August 7. The bus will leave the church at 10:15 a.m. We will eat lunch at Burger Shack.

Sign-up is in the foyer



**WMU is gathering items for Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes**

**In August please bring: crayons, pens, pencils, sharpeners**

## Homebound Ministry

**3<sup>RD</sup> Tuesday of each month**

We invite anyone who would like to visit with some of our older members to be a part of this ministry.



**Domino Night/Potluck**  
**Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.**  
**Everyone invited!**

## Back to School Skating Party!!!

**Sunday, August 26 Noon 2:30**



We'll have pizza here at the church following Sunday School, then head to the skating rink. For children grades 1 - 5

Parents are invited to join us.

Younger children are welcome if accompanied by an adult.

Call Bro. Mike or Jeff for information or transportation.

Trinity Baptist Church,

On behalf of our children Denise and Jason Kratz and from our hearts also, David and I want to express our gratitude for the outpouring of love and support our church family has shown to us in so many ways since the rapid decline of our daughter's health began.

Through the generosity of your love offering, Jason is able to secure caregivers for Denise at those times when no one from their church is available to help, so that he can continue to work from home. By loving them, you have made evident your love for us. This is the most difficult path that we have walked in our lifetime. Even so we know that there are others in our church family who have walked it before us and have remained faithful as God is faithful, and we know that we are not alone in our suffering. It is through our own personal struggles that God equips and enables us to lift up and strengthen each other through compassion, love, and prayer, for His strength is made perfect in our weakness. By demonstrating your love for us, each of you has come alongside us on this journey, to walk with us and to share our burden. We see God's hand working in our situation, and we see the Savior in you. God bless you all.

Love, David and Dale Seal



What an exciting summer we've had and it's not over yet! As the school year approaches, we have some fun events planned. Amplified Fest is August 18<sup>th</sup> and we're going to an Arkansas Travelers' game on the 24<sup>th</sup>. If you'd like to be a

part of either of the two events, please let me know. On to some more serious business. Once the school year begins, our youth and children will face many challenges. They will go to their schools where things are taught that are contrary to the truths of Scripture. They will have to navigate their way through the lies, pressures, and temptations of the world. They will have to decide the type of people they will spend their time with. They will have to choose between being cool and being obedient to God. Pray that God will guide them through this time and that they will make a stand for Christ. I have been telling them that they have a mission field before them that only they can reach. I know that God can use our youth to change the culture around us, but they need our prayer, encouragement, and love.

Jeff

## Back to School Weekend! August 18-19

**FEATURING CHRISTIAN RECORDING ARTIST**

Casting Crowns

Plumb

Flame



We Are Messenger

Stars Go Dim

Summer Hill

**Amplify Impact Training - Jason Curry**  
(for Youth and Adults)

Get set for these events and other activities during the weekend wrapping it up with attending Worship and Sunday School together.

### “Community Tent Crusade”

September 8-12

As we make our plans, we need everyone who can to commit to service on one of the following:

Prayer Team

Childcare Team

Counseling Team

Follow-Up Team

Media/Sound Team

Set-Up & Take Down Team

Outreach/Promotion Team

Transportation Team

Greeter/Security Team

Pizza Supper Team

Please let Bro. Mike, Bro. Johnny Or Bro. Jeff know where you would most be interested in helping. Join us in claiming Ephesians 3:20!

For your convenience, online giving is available on our church Website at [trinitybenton.com](http://trinitybenton.com)

## Just Passing Notes

Have you ever heard the expression; “that’s not my calling?” That’s usually the excuse some Christians give when asked to do something especially outside their comfort zone. The Apostle Peter said *make your calling and election sure*. While the word calling is singular in its spelling, it is however multi-functional and unlimited.

True Christianity shows up in the Lordship of Jesus and surrender of the saint or servant. The Apostle Paul considered himself a slave under the Lordship of Jesus. In true Christianity, the servant does not ask the why or limit his service by offering the excuse that’s not my calling. Our calling is to be like Isaiah: “*Here am I, send me*”

Consider with me one facet of our “calling.” This one may be the hardest but just before Peter said make your calling and election sure, he said to add to your faith several things and right in the middle was patience. We are called to wait!

Remember some examples with me. Noah had to wait a whole year after the enduring rain before he saw land again. Joseph had to wait in prison before he would become the leader God had intended him to be. Moses, after surrendering to the God of Israel, had to wait another forty years before he went before Pharaoh the first time. Joshua waited by marching 7 days. David waited in hiding from Saul. Jeremiah waited in the dungeon. And I’m sure there was much anxiety in all.

In the NT; God had waited some 4000 years to complete His plan of salvation. And then when He came as Jesus the Son of God, He waited three days after enduring the cross before He reappeared to man. The woman with the issue of blood waited 12 years before she realized the real hope was not in her riches or doctors for healing, but by touching hem of the garment of Jesus: faith. Now, Jesus is waiting for the moment to finish His calling of bringing His bride to point of perfect cleansing in order to bring her into His divine eternal presence.

Wait: never means to be idle, but does mean to get to the place where you hear Him. Wait: as the servant in the restaurant stands by to heed to the call of his patrons. Wait; “come unto Me and I will give you rest.”

There are many functions of our calling: we are called to assembly of the church of God; we are called to learn of Him. We are called wait on Him and for Him.

Sometimes it’s hard to wait, but it’s going to be worth it, Wait, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord!

Just passing notes...jp  
(btw...I am writing this while “waiting.”)

Bro. Johnny

# august 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><b>FROM THE RISING OF THE SUN, TO ITS SETTING, THE NAME OF THE LORD IS TO BE PRAISED!</b> Psalm 113:3</p>			1	2	3	4
5 Nominating Committee Meeting 5 p.m.	6	7	8 Quarterly Church Conference	9	10 Dominoes & Potluck 5:30	11 <b>WOW</b>
12 <b>PROMOTION SUNDAY</b>	13 Bryant School Starts	14 Bauxite School Starts <hr/> Hospice Meal David Seal's	15 Benton School Starts	16	17	18 Youth Back to School Weekend  10 am
19 Youth Back to School Weekend	20	21  Homebound MINISTRY	22	23	24	25
26 DIXIE JACKSON Offering for State Missions Kick-off Kid's Back to School Skating Party	27	28	29	30	31	Church-wide Cookout at Bishop Park On September 2

