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Anniversary*

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Trinity Baptist Church

February 5, 1956 - October 8, 2006

Trinity Baptist Church History – The First Fifty Years

In 1954, the Missions Committee, under the leadership of Rev. Lee Pridgen, Executive Secretary of the Raleigh Baptist Association, saw the need for a Baptist Church to be located on Six Forks Road to serve the people of the many residential developments being built. It was realized that the suburban area north of Raleigh was growing at a very rapid pace. After considerable study, it was very apparent that no church was located near enough to properly minister to the needs of the rapidly increasing number of people. The Missions Committee voted to take the necessary steps to secure a church site and assist the people of the area in establishing a church.

The first meeting to make plans for organizing a new Baptist Church on Six Forks Road was held Sunday afternoon, September 11, 1955, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Reid Hill on Bellevue Road with 20 people attending. A similar meeting was held each Sunday afternoon through November 13, 1955. Rev. Lee Pridgen was on hand to answer questions and assist in making plans. The group elected C. H. Pritchard as Chairman and Reid Hill as Secretary until the church was organized. Those present at the first meeting are as follows: Jesse V. Booth, Carroll A. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Julius F. Greene, Mr. and Mrs. J. Reid Hill, Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Howell, Raymond C. Jones, L.A. Millis, Rev. Robert L. Newton, Jack A. Painter, Rev. Lee Pridgen, Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Pritchard, E. H. Roberts, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Shaw, W.T. Thomas, Jr., and W. Andrew Ward. Other services were held in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Julius F. Greene, Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Pritchard, Mr. and Mrs. Allan E. Drew, and Mr. and Mrs. E.H. Roberts, Jr..

During this same period, a church census was taken to determine the number of potential members in the community. Following several inquiries, the Missions Committee made tentative arrangements with the developers of the Josiah W. Bailey property

for the purchase of a site approximately one mile north of Anderson Drive on the south side of Six Forks Road.

Due to certain difficulties in securing the building site on the Bailey property, the Association purchased another site from Mr. H.L. Carter, approximately one-half mile further out on Six Forks Road. This tract contained approximately two acres of land and a large duplex house which had been used a number of years earlier as a school house, known as Oak Grove School. In addition to this site, two acres of land at the rear of the house were purchased from Mrs. Lizzie Saunders and also a strip of land in front, between the old railroad bed and the present road, from Mr. J.W. Huff. Altogether, a little over four acres with the house was purchased for \$13,800.00.

Under the leadership of E.H. Roberts, Jr., the men of the church restored the original auditorium and the first service was held there Sunday, January 8, 1956. A total of eighty-nine people attended the first Sunday School and worship service which was conducted by Rev. Lee Pridgen. The first offering amounted to \$114.00.

The following week, special services were held nightly with the following visiting ministers speaking: Rev. Judson Hill from Rolesville, Rev. John Garner from the Rolesville Baptist Church, Dr. Henry E. Walden, Jr., Secretary of Rural Church Work of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, Rev. John L. Coley, Pastor of North Street Baptist Church, Dr. John W. Kinchloe, Jr., Pastor of Hayes Barton Baptist Church, and Rev. Robert L. Newton, Pastor of Millbrook Baptist Church.

On Wednesday evening, January 18, 1956, those in attendance voted unanimously to request Dr. Henry E. Walden, Jr. to accept the pastorate of the church subject to a formal call upon organization. Dr. Walden accepted the call and thus became the first pastor of the church.

The first Church Training Union meeting was held Sunday night, January 22, 1956 with a total of thirty-seven present. Mr. Bennett Straughn, Associational Training Union Director,

presented an inspirational talk on "What Training Union Means to Everyone."

Under the combined leadership and direction of W. M. Christian, Jr. and E. H. Roberts, Jr., and with the full cooperation of all the men of the church, the auditorium in the building was enlarged to include the front porch. Other remodeling work was done along with the installation of a new heating system.

During January, a budget in the amount of \$7,901.50 was drawn up for the remainder of the year. Also, a constitution was written for consideration and adoption. This constitution was read Sunday morning, February 5, 1956. It was decided to postpone its adoption until the first church business meeting on Wednesday evening following the first Sunday in March.

During the January meetings, Rev. Pridgen gave special emphasis to the doctrines of the Baptist Church by reading and discussing the Church Covenant and the Articles of Faith.

The organizational service for the yet to be named new Baptist Church was held Sunday afternoon February 5, 1956. The program was very impressive and a large group attended. Forty-nine persons joined at this service with more at the evening service. Rev. Robert L. Newton from the Millbrook Baptist Church brought the organizational meeting service.

On February 19, 1956, at a called business meeting following the morning worship service, the church body voted to name the new church "Trinity Baptist Church."

The first Sunday School officers and teachers were elected February 13, 1956, and a study course taught by Rev. Walden was held the following week. The book used was *The Teachings of Jesus*.

On February 22, 1956, the church observed the first Lord's Supper.

The first board of Deacons was elected on Sunday, March 4, 1956. Six of these deacons were ordained on March 25, 1956 during the morning worship service. Those serving were: C.H. Pritchard, Chairman; Joe Eason; J. Reid Hill; Joe Hodge; L.A. Millis (replaced

Tom Privette); Douglas Mims; Nello T. Norris; Eugene Roberts; and Hugh Shaw.

The first Baptismal service was held at Hayes Barton Baptist Church on March 4, 1956.

The Woman's Missionary Union was organized April 23, 1956. Fifteen women were present for the first meeting.

On May 9, 1956, the church voted to accept the offer of a Quonset hut as a gift from Hugh Shaw and William Bass. This building was to be erected as soon as possible to relieve the very crowded Sunday School classroom situation. Work began on the hut in July, 1956.

The first Vacation Bible School was conducted at Trinity Baptist Church on June 8-20, 1956. Mrs. S.H. Whitworth served as the first principal.

Charter membership certificates were presented to 91 persons in a special service conducted by the pastor and Rev. Lee Pridgen at the morning worship service on July 15, 1956. The charter membership period extended from February 5, 1956 to April 1, 1956.

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The charter membership in the WMU closed July 31, 1956 with 16 members. The first officers to serve were as follows: President, Mrs. Theresa Eason; 1st Vice President, Mrs. L.A. Millis; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Margaret Greene; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Allan Drew; Youth Director, Rachel Thomas; Prayer Chairperson, Lorryne Whitworth; Mission Study Chairperson, Fannie Christian; Stewardship Chairperson, Mrs. J. Reid Hill; Community Mission Chairperson, Mrs. Maude Shaw; Publicity Chairperson, Alex Fletcher; Social Committee, Lois Early and Mrs. Van Mims. Mrs. Bunn Olive was the visiting speaker at this meeting on July 31, 1956.

The first nominating committee elected by the church as called for by the church constitution was composed of Marvin Winstead, Raymond Jones, and Mrs. S.H. Whitworth.

Nello T. Norris was elected as the first Brotherhood President of the church.

The first revival service was held October 1 through October 7, 1956, with the Rev. W.H. Vinson, Jr., Pastor of Wendell Baptist Church, as minister.

In November of 1956, Bill Christian and Doug Mims built Trinity's first steeple.

September 10, 1958 was the first reporting date for the first Planning and Survey Committee. This Committee Report recommended the appointment of a Building Committee. At a special Business Meeting the church elected the first Building Committee composed of the following: Clarence Pritchard, Hugh Shaw, Gene Roberts, David Butler, Andrew Ward, and Carl Swiggett.

On October 29, 1958, a special called Business Meeting was held to receive the letter of resignation of Dr. Henry E. Walden. A Pulpit Committee was elected by the church to begin the search for a new pastor.

The Rev. Robert L. Newton was asked to serve as the interim pastor from December through February of 1959.

At a special called Business Meeting on March 1, 1959, the church voted to call the Rev. Virgil C. Merrell as pastor.

On Wednesday, June 24, 1959, members of Trinity were privileged to receive a preview by the Building Committee of the proposed plans as developed by Holloway-Reeves architectural firm.

The report of the Building Committee was followed on July 26, 1959 by a Mortgage Burning Ceremony conducted at the close of the morning worship service. The church was debt free and ready to undertake the task of building the first permanent church building on the Trinity Baptist Church site.

At a special called Business Meeting on November 4, 1959, the Chairman of the Building Committee announced that Mrs.

Shaw had offered her prior home to be moved to the church for additional classroom space and other uses. This house became a center of attraction for the youth of our church in later years.

On Sunday, January 10, 1960, Trinity lost its second minister, Rev. Virgil Merrell, through his resignation from the ministry for health reasons. A Pulpit Committee was elected at the regular Business Meeting held on January 13, 1960.

The church called on Dr. Ralph McClain from Meredith College to serve as interim pastor.

At a special called meeting on May 18, 1960, Trinity voted to call John Dawson Stone as its full-time minister. Rev. Stone answered this call on June 1, 1960.

Under the leadership of Rev. Stone, the need for a church office was established, the staff position of Church Secretary was described, and Mrs. Allan Drew was selected as the first Church Secretary to be employed.

Construction of the first church parsonage began on July 29, 1960 on a lot on Sandy Forks Road given to the church by Hugh Shaw. A dedication service was held on January 8, 1961.

On Sunday, July 16, 1961, \$5,319.50 was given by the membership to secure the loan for construction of the first permanent educational wing of the church. Construction began August 7, 1961.

Sunday, May 20, 1962 was a banner day for Trinity. The church dedicated the first unit of its permanent church facility. Rev. John Stone, pastor, conducted the dedication service at 11:00 a.m., and laying of the cornerstone followed at noon.

In late August of 1962, another renovation of the sanctuary began under William Christian. The sanctuary was renovated to the extent that it would seat approximately 300 people. The men of Trinity provided much of the labor necessary to complete the work.

At the regular Business Meeting held on July 17, 1963, at the recommendation of the Chairman of the Church Music Committee, Mrs. Shelton Pritchard, the church voted to purchase the first church organ for \$2,420.20.

On December 18, 1963, Clarence Pritchard, Chairman of the Building Committee, reported on the committee's investigation of construction of the new unit. Plans were to complete the existing building. Architects Holloway and Reeves were engaged to do plans for the building and parking. Bids for the new building were opened on May 28, 1964. These bids were rejected because they were deemed "too high."

Rev. Stone accepted the call of First Baptist Church of Southern Pines and submitted his resignation on June 1, 1964. On June 17, 1964, the Board of Deacons was instructed to secure an interim pastor. Dr. Thomas Bland, Professor at Southeastern Seminary, agreed to serve during the interim period.

The church, in its regular Business Meeting on December 16, 1964, accepted the recommendation of the Board of Deacons and set into motion a plan that would allow construction to begin on the new addition.

In a called Business Meeting on May 26, 1965, Trinity called Rev. Lamar Judson Brooks to serve as the full-time minister effective July 1, 1965.

Trinity took another step forward at a called Business Meeting on March 2, 1966, when the first part-time Music Director was employed. Mrs. Ralph Kelly came to serve this position.

The recent completion of a portion of the building and the continued rapid growth of the church made all concerned very conscious of the need to evaluate the position and future plans for the church in its changing form. The pastor and Board of Deacons presented their recommendations for a "Survey and Planning Committee for the Total Church Ministry." On March 16, 1966, the church voted to accept this recommendation and set into motion the operation. The following people were elected to serve: Mrs. Allan Drew, Chairman; Lamar Brooks, Ex Officio; Mrs. E. Robert Brooks; Mrs. Paul Brooks; Carlton Edwards; Mrs. E.L. Harkey; Robert Hawkins; Clarence Pritchard; Walter Stallings; Alton Strickland; Mrs. William Warren.

On September 14, 1966, the Church Deliberations Committee presented its recommendation concerning the establishment of Family Night on Wednesday nights at Trinity. During this time, something was provided for every person of every age group each Wednesday night. Finally the long awaited day came on February 15, 1967. In the words of the Sunday bulletin, "The Family Night is off to a Monumentally Successful Start."

Sponsored by the Baptist Men and under the leadership of Walter Stallings, the First Annual Sweetheart Banquet was held at the Angus Barn on February 9, 1967. Church Secretary, Mrs. Allan Drew, was elected Sweetheart and presented with a spray of red roses.

May 10, 1967 brought to an end a new and unique experience for Trinity. Dr. and Mrs. W. James Moorhead, missionaries to the Philippines, said farewells on "Moorhead Night" after a year of sharing experiences with us. The Moorheads made Trinity their home base while home on leave.

In a letter to the church dated August 12, 1968, Rev. Brooks tendered his resignation following a call from Wake Forest Baptist Church to serve as its minister. In a special called meeting on August 18, 1968, the church elected a Pulpit Committee and a Pulpit Supply Committee and instructed them to begin the search immediately.

Effective September 22, 1968, Rev. Ted Janes was called as Interim Pastor. He had served on the faculty at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary with special responsibilities in the Field Work Department.

For many months, the Pulpit Committee had been searching to find the man who would be able and willing to lead the church in Christ's cause. On July 10, 1969, the committee presented its recommendation, Rev. Ray Pollard, who was then pastor at First Baptist Church in King, N.C. At a special Business Meeting on August 17, 1969, upon the recommendation of the Pulpit Committee, Trinity called Rev. Pollard as its minister, effective September 17, 1969.

On March 22, 1970, Walter Stallings, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, recommended that we call Rev. Charles Curtis Finch as an associate minister with responsibilities primarily in the area of youth. Rev. Finch began on April 1, 1970.

On June 24, 1970, the church voted to fill a full-time secretarial position in an effort to provide more help for the other full-time staff members.

On August 19, 1970, the church trustees were instructed by the church to take the necessary steps to sell the church parsonage on Sandy Forks Road.

During a special Business Session called on September 27, 1970, Wilson Morgan, Chairman of the Building Planning Committee, reviewed the work of the committee and indicated that an architect had been employed and work was completed on the preliminary floor plans for the next building. It was to provide additional classroom space as well as an interim sanctuary that would seat approximately 485 people.

In a special called Business Meeting on March 21, 1971, the Building Finance Committee began the implementation of the plan for financing the new building as the second permanent part of the church. The pastor and Fred Talton, Chairman of the Building Committee, presented Gordon Taylor of the Fidelity Plan, Inc., who explained the "Church Bond" program. The target of the program was to raise \$350,000.00.

On May 12, 1971, bids were sent out for construction of the new church building. Bids were received and opened on June 14, 1971. The lowest bid went to the firm of Clancy and Theys in the amount of \$349,738.00.

Sunday, July 8, 1971 was an exciting day for the church body. Formal Ground Breaking Services were held as the church committed itself symbolically to this program of building.

On January 1, 1972, Rev. Curt Finch was made a full-time employee and assumed full-time duties as Youth Minister and Education Minister.

First services were held in the newly completed Education Building on July 16, 1972. Sunday worship services were held in the new interim sanctuary. A Cornerstone Ceremony was held at 10:30 a.m. following a brief Sunday School session.

Formal Dedication Services for the new building were held on September 10, 1972 at 7:30 p.m.

Related to the above dedication, it was decided to hold a homecoming activity on September 24, 1972. The theme of this service centered on reminiscing as members tried to recall some of the significant events of the past. Five of the former pastors and interim pastors were present for this great service.

On December 10, 1972, Associate Pastor and Education Minister Curt Finch tendered his resignation to accept a call to serve First Baptist Church of Wilmington, in the same area of ministry. His service with Trinity continued until his marriage to Trinity member Deborah Drew on January 27, 1973. Their wedding was the first in the new interim sanctuary.

The Church Personnel Committee, under the leadership of Bill Granberry, requested a Business Meeting following the regular morning worship service on March 4, 1973. The Committee recommended that the church call Rev. H.S. Yarborough to serve as the new Minister of Education and Music. Rev. Yarborough was serving at Emmanuel Church. He concluded his duties there on April 1, 1973 and came to Trinity the following week.

The regular Church Business Conference of March 14, 1973 brought another report by Bill Granberry of the resignation of the church secretary, Mrs. Allan Drew. Mrs. Drew served the church faithfully for almost 15 years as secretary.

At the regular monthly Business Meeting held April 11, 1973, Personnel Committee Chairman Bill Granberry announced that Mrs. Rosemary Suggs had been hired as Church Secretary. As had been announced previously, the pastor reported that the first Church Activity Bus had been secured and was awaiting overhaul. This bus was donated to the church by Joe Herndon.

Following the morning worship service on November 18, 1973, Trinity recognized Clarence Pritchard for his dedication in humble service to Hayes Barton Baptist Church and Trinity Baptist Church, where for more than 30 years, he had served in almost every capacity. He was named as the first Distinguished Deacon Emeritus.

A very challenging project proposal was presented at the regular church Business Meeting on March 13, 1974. Rev. Yarborough presented plans for the Youth Choir to embark on a mission tour to Central America in the summer of 1975. This trip was in response to an invitation from Ebenezer Baptist Church of Corn Island, Nicaragua, to visit them and conduct a mission Vacation Bible School and give witness through musical program.

One of the recommendations from the Deacons presented at the Business Meeting on June 12, 1974 was that the church purchase a new activity bus. The old "White Goose," as it was affectionately called, had seen its best days. A committee was appointed to effect the purchase of the bus following approval by the church.

On November 22, 1974, Trinity began a new ministry in the community. A week-day Preschool program was begun, serving three-year-olds and four-year-olds.

August 6, 1975 marked the beginning of a great day in the lives of the members of the Trinity Tour Choir and the group of adults who accompanied them during the next 19 days. The tour took them to Florida, then to Corn Island, Nicaragua for a week of leadership in Ebenezer Baptist Church, then to Costa Rica, and Panama, before returning to Florida.

On September 11, 1975, Associate Pastor and Music Director, H.S. Yarborough, submitted his resignation. Rev. Yarborough had been called as Minister of Music at First Baptist Church in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. At the October 5, 1975 Business Session, the Personnel Committee reported that Joe Stroud had agreed to serve as interim music director. At this same session, a Pulpit Committee was elected to search for a new pastor. Rev. Ray

Pollard had submitted his resignation in answer to a call from First Baptist Church of South Boston, Virginia.

On October 29, 1975, at the recommendation of the Pulpit Committee, the church elected Dr. John Eddins, Professor of Theology at Southeastern Seminary, to serve as Interim Pastor.

On March 27, 1976, the Pastor Selection Committee recommended Travis Styles be nominated as Pastor of Trinity. Pastor Styles was serving at Grove Park Baptist Church in Burlington, North Carolina.

On July 6, 1976, Bob Brooks brought the recommendation from the Deacons that the church establish a building fund for the sole purpose of erecting a new sanctuary.

On December 15, 1976, the church, upon the recommendation of the Church Personnel Committee and a confirming vote of the congregation, called Rev. Harold L. West, Sr. as Associate Pastor for Education and Administration. During the same business meeting, at the recommendation of the Deacons, the church voted to buy the property lying just north of the church property. The Morris house was purchased for \$28,000.00.

On April 15, 1977, the church elected the following people to serve on the Long Range Planning Committee: William Granberry, Chairman; Gwen Scudder; and Tom Dimmock. It was established that once a new building committee for the permanent sanctuary had been elected, this committee would cease to exist.

At a Business Meeting on May 11, 1977, Earl Parker of the Church Personnel Committee recommended that David Thomas be employed as interim Youth Minister on a part-time basis.

In June of 1977, Mable Grant Christian became the first African American to join the Trinity family.

It was recommended by the Church Personnel Committee during the August 17, 1977 Business Meeting that the church call Mr. Cecil Burt as interim Music Director. His call was unanimous.

In November of 1977, Cynthia Renee Christian became the first African American to be baptized by Trinity.

In the Business Meeting on November 17, 1977, it was determined that overcrowding at the morning services was so great that two services were necessary.

In a special called Business Meeting on December 11, 1977, the Long Range Planning Committee presented its Proposals. The Resolution contained these points: (1) that the church enter into a building program to construct a permanent sanctuary with the total cost not to exceed \$700,000.00; (2) that the present Nominating Committee be instructed to nominate a Sanctuary Building Committee of seven members to be elected at the January 8, 1978 business meeting; (3) that during the first six months of 1978 the congregation undertake a special fundraising drive to add a minimum of \$166,000.00 to the Building Fund in cash contributions and individual pledges payable over a period not exceeding 36 months; and (4) that a representative of the Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention be invited to present the "Together We Build" program to the membership early in 1978. The Proposals and above Resolution passed on a show of hands vote without any dissenting votes. The word was "move ahead."

In the Business Meeting on January 11, 1978, the church voted unanimously to elect the following people to the Sanctuary Building Committee to allow for the best continuity in following through with efforts already underway: Bill Granberry, Gwen Scudder, Tom Dimmock, Grace Dalton, Martha Stephenson, Channing Stone, and George Pearson.

After an extended search for the Church Music Director, the Personnel Committee announced at the October 11, 1978 Business Meeting that it was recommending the church employ Mr. Dennis Grass as Minister of Music. Dennis came to Trinity from the Bragtown Baptist Church in Durham, North Carolina.

On November 8, 1978, a Special Church Conference was held to consider the matter of the new Church Sanctuary. Mr. Rice, of the architectural firm Haskins and Rice, gave a presentation of slides of the proposed building. The church voted unanimously to

proceed with the plans as presented. In a follow-up Special Church Conference called on January 10, 1979, following a presentation of the final plans as developed by the Church Building Committee and the architects, the church voted to approve the plans and directed the architect to seek bids on the project. Final acceptance of bids was subject to the final approval of the church. Bids were sent out, received, and deemed beyond the financial abilities of the church. The plans were sent back to the drawing board.

During the Church Conference held February 14, 1979, Rev. Harold West, Sr. presented a letter from Mt. Olivet Baptist Church requesting that Trinity ordain Tom Vestal to the Christian Ministry, because Mt. Olivet had called Tom as its pastor. The matter was considered by the deaconate. In the Church Conference held March 14, 1979, Pastor Styles presented a resolution that Trinity ordain Tom Vestal into the ministry on April 1, 1979 at the evening service. Tom Vestal was the first member of Trinity to be ordained to the Christian Ministry. During the same meeting, Church Personnel Committee Chairman Bill Lee announced the resignation of David Thomas as interim Youth Minister.

Trinity received its second request to ordain a member from the Central Baptist Church of Miami, Florida, as reported by Pastor Styles in the April 11, 1979 Church Conference. Central Baptist requested that Trinity ordain David Thomas, whom they would call as their Associate Pastor. Pastor Styles presented a resolution to the church, setting the ordination exercise for May 13, 1979 at 7:30 p.m.

On May 23, 1979, a Special Church Conference was called to hear the recommendations of the Personnel Committee. Bill Lee presented the recommendation that the church employ Miss Katie Hatcher as Minister of Youth and Special Programs. Katie had been employed to work with the Youth Summer Program. Katie came to Trinity from Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Cherryville, North Carolina.

On September 5, 1979, the Sanctuary Building Committee presented again the proposed plans for the new sanctuary. The architectural firm and the committee had worked for many months

to develop another plan which would come closer to meeting the church's financial abilities. These plans were approved unanimously. A bid was accepted, and the Ground Breaking Service was conducted on November 18, 1979.

On December 12, 1979, Harry McDonald recommended that Trinity's weekday preschool program become an official church program. This motion was approved. During the February 13, 1980 Church Conference, the Personnel Committee recommended that the church employ Mary Ann Hipp as director of the program.

Music Director Dennis Grass submitted his resignation on March 30, 1980.

In May of 1980, Julius Joe (Jay) Christian was the first male African American to be baptized by Trinity.

Pastor Styles read his letter of resignation at the conclusion of the morning worship service on May 11, 1980, four years after he became Trinity's pastor. His resignation was effective at the close of the evening service.

The necessary steps to elect a pulpit committee were taken immediately. A pulpit committee and an interim pulpit committee were named.

On June 25, 1980, the interim pulpit committee recommended the name of Dr. John Durham as interim pastor. Dr. Durham was the professor of Hebrew and Old Testament at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

On July 16, 1980, a Church Study Committee was elected, with the mission of looking into the future and determining the needs in the area of future expansion. The individuals named to this committee were: Frank Evans, Sunday School Director, Chairman; John Alkire, Buildings and Grounds; Martha Stephenson, Present Building Committee; Steve Stephenson, Church at Large; Dot Riggan, Church at Large; Betty Dew, Church at Large; Harold West, Church Staff, Ex-Officio; Katie Hatcher, Church Staff, Ex-Officio; and Al Hunter, Buildings and Grounds.

Ray Broughton, Chairman of the Church Music Committee, recommended on August 20, 1980 that Cecil Burt be employed as interim Minister of Music, effective immediately.

Also on this date, the Planning Committee for the 25th Anniversary and Sanctuary Dedication celebration was elected. The committee included Mrs. John Alkire, Leland Cottle, Mrs. Allan Drew, Mrs. Jim Goldston, Robert Hawkins, and Mrs. Hugh Shaw. Mrs. Drew was elected by the committee to serve as its chairperson.

Dot Drew presented preliminary plans for the anniversary celebration on September 17, 1980. These plans were approved, and March 15, 1981 was designated as the date for the celebration, to allow sufficient time for the contractor to complete the new sanctuary. However, because of defective dye in the fabric for the sanctuary pews, this date was later changed to May 3, 1981.

Much concern had been expressed by members regarding the Lizzie Saunders' property. On January 21, 1981, the church Trustees visited with Mrs. Finch, and Mr. and Mrs. Smith, who were acting as Lizzie Saunders' guardians to determine the availability of the property. Legal papers were drawn to satisfy the Clerk of Court, and after a ten day waiting period, the property was sold to Trinity for \$75,000.00.

On Sunday, March 29, 1981, the first worship service was held in the new permanent sanctuary.

On Saturday, April 11, 1981, the first wedding was held in the new permanent sanctuary. Katie Hatcher, Trinity's Youth Minister, was married to Trinity member Wayne Hill.

On April 29, 1981, the church voted to affirm Martha Stephenson for admission to Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Also, the church voted to call Dr. William J. Furr to become Pastor, effective in early June.

On Sunday, May 3, 1981, 925 worshipers participated in dedicating the new permanent sanctuary and in observing the twenty-fifth anniversary of the church. Trinity's Interim Pastor, Dr. John Durham, led in the services of celebration and dedication. Through special offerings, the membership presented a new

communion service set, as a love gift to the church. Cost of the communion service was \$2,500.00.

On May 6, 1981, Ruby Brooks and Grace Dalton were affirmed by vote of the church for admission to Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

On August 12, 1981, the church decided that excess pews from the old sanctuary should be donated to Lovely Hills Church following the fire that occurred at that church.

Wedding guidelines were established on September 16, 1981. Also on this date, Glenn Crook was recommended to Raleigh Baptist Association for ordination for ministry.

On October 18, 1981, the Children's Church program was launched.

On January 20, 1982, the church voted to recommend Karen Overton for admission to Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary to prepare for ministry leadership.

On February 17, 1982, a motion was carried to offer the church facility for use by Women's Bible Study Fellowship. A proposal was introduced to include all women to serve as deacons.

In July of 1982, the Trinity Softball Team won the City Championship under the leadership of Harry McDonald, Manager, and Steve Head, Co-Manager.

On August 18, 1982, an announcement was made that the "Trinity Baptist Church" sign project was completed and would be dedicated as a memorial to Graham Mooneyham.

On August 29, 1982, Trinity held its first Annual Composer Day, led by Mark Blankenship. Mark composed the anthem "Everlasting Love" for Trinity.

Also, a "Together We Build" program was launched to provide funds for building new education space and a larger fellowship facility.

On September 30, 1982, it was reported in the annual letter to Raleigh Baptist Association, that Trinity surpassed its record in net membership increase. The net increase for October 1981 to

September 1982 was 132; the previous record was 110 in 1978. Trinity also held a record number of weddings (20).

On February 16, 1983, the church voted to establish a special Missions Committee to coordinate the overall missions function of the church. The committee consisted of the Women's Missionary Union and Brotherhood directors, and five others selected by the Church Council.

On May 11, 1983, the church voted to extend an invitation to an Arab-speaking Christian group led by William Hern to meet at Trinity effective May 15, 1983.

The first Hanging of the Greens service occurred in December, 1983.

On February 15, 1984, the church voted to establish a Watch-Care Membership Program to accommodate college and seminary students who desired Trinity's support during their transition period.

Joe Christian was elected as Deacon and ordained by Trinity on September 27, 1984. Joe was the first African American to be elected Deacon at Trinity.

On September 27, 1984, Grace Dalton and Martha Stephenson were the first women to be elected Deacons at Trinity.

The church voted to approve the Master Plan for building the new Education/Fellowship building on January 13, 1985.

Plans were set into motion in February 1986 for the last phase of the building program, including education space, new office suites, and a new fellowship hall and kitchen. This was completed at a cost of \$1,897,000.00.

On May 1, 1986, the steeple was installed upon the sanctuary.

On February 25, 1987, the church voted to ordain Karen Overton Powell for ministry. The ordination service was held on March 29, 1987 and was officiated by Dr. Furr. Karen was the first female to be ordained for ministry by Trinity.

The first wedding reception in the new fellowship hall was in celebration of the marriage of Shaw McDonald to Kimberly Sweet on June 20, 1987.

The new building facilities were dedicated on September 13, 1987.

On December 9, 1987, the Personnel Committee recommended Diane Slaton as Trinity's first employed church hostess to fill the part-time position.

On February 17, 1988, G. Jeffery Roberts was elected to become Trinity's Youth Minister.

On April 13, 1988, Trinity voted to recommend that Rev. Charles Farag be licensed by the church.

On May 11, 1988, Ann Charles-Craft was recommended to fill the new part-time position as Minister with Children.

On December 21, 1988, Richard Paschall, Jr. was recommended for admission to Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Also, Frank White was recommended for ordination for ministry.

In 1989, Trinity adopted the Encourager Plan for ministry with church families. This Plan was implemented to enhance the ministry of Trinity's diaconate.

In April of 1989, Rev. Bob Shaver began serving as Minister of Music.

The first senior adult choir was founded in the fall of 1989. Named the Prime Timers Choir, it began with eight members and presently has forty members.

In the fall of 1989, a new sound system was installed in the Sanctuary, and is still in use today.

In 1990, total involvement in ministry and outreach was experienced as the membership joined forces with Habitat for Humanity to build a house for the Mdrang family from Vietnam. The house was completed in December 1990.

On September 18, 1990, Dr. Furr announced that the Trinity Encourager Ministry would begin on October 1, 1990 with 42 deacons and 98 encouragers.

In April of 1991, the Adult Choir began a tradition of presenting the Easter Cantata from the "Living Cross," which they continued through the Easter of 2000. On April 14 and April 15,

1991, the eighty-voice Adult Choir presented “Calvary’s Love” by Tom Fettke.

On June 3, 1991, Dr. Furr was honored by special services in celebration of his ten years of dedicated and faithful ministry to Trinity. The Music Ministry hosted arranger and composer Mary McDonald for a Composer Day. Mrs. McDonald and the Adult Choir presented a commissioned anthem entitled, “We Come to Him,” in honor of Dr. Furr’s anniversary.

On August 21, 1991, the church voted to purchase a new bus at the cost of \$67,517.

October 13, 1991 was a special day of homecoming to celebrate thirty-five years of being a church. Former Pastor Travis Styles and former Interim Minister of Music Cecil Burt were present to lead in worship.

On October 16, 1991, Trinity voted to contribute \$2,500 to Raleigh Baptist Association to be applied to a Habitat for Humanity house to be built in Raleigh. Also on this day, the church voted to license Randy McKinney as a gospel minister.

Upon recommendation of the music committee, the church voted on January 15, 1992 to establish a special offering fund to purchase new hymnals. The funds were received, and the hymnals were purchased at a cost of \$7,000.00.

On March 18, 1992, the church voted to accept the recommendation of its trustees to incorporate Trinity Baptist Church as a legal entity.

In early 1992, the Adult Choir was selected to premier “Break the Glory Free,” celebrating the redemptive breakthroughs of God, composed by Billie Pate and Don Wyrzten. Rev. Bob Shaver led in preparing the choir for the rendition, and in July 1992, the choir traveled to Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly for presentation.

The Long Range Planning Committee was elected on October 21, 1992. The committee consisted of: Harry McDonald, Chairman; Natalie Bryant; Brenda Burton; Libby Johnson; Anne Keyes; Randy McKinney; David Lee; Henry Love; Dot Riggan; Joy Robinson; W.T. Thomas.

On November 18, 1992, the church voted to sponsor two families from Russia at a cost of \$1,500.00 per family.

Sunday, April 25, 1993 was a special day in the life of Trinity as "Former Pastors and Families Day" was observed. Trinity's first two pastors were deceased, but family members June Merrell Blankenship and Archie Walden were present to represent them. The other five pastors, Rev. John Stone, Dr. Lamar Brooks, Dr. Ray Pollard, Rev. Travis Styles, and Dr. William Furr were present to share their memories of Trinity. In commemoration of the seven dedicated and faithful pastors' ministries, and with grateful hearts, Allan and Dorthy Drew commissioned a local artist, Mrs. Joan Huffman, to prepare portraits of all seven pastors, and commissioned Davis Frame Gallery to frame the portraits. The portraits were dedicated and displayed in the Narthex.

Karen Metcalf began serving as Minister of Children and Preschool on May 1, 1993.

On July 15, 1993, the church voted to approve the purchase of the Robert Thomas property for \$125,000.00.

The Ada Mooneyham Memorial Scholarship was established in 1993 for a high school graduate entering the study of music.

In a special called conference on November 7, 1993, Harry McDonald, chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee, moved to employ Cargill and Associates at a fee of \$48,000.00 to assist Trinity in a capital stewardship campaign to fund the retirement of debt, acquisition of land, and/or refurbishing the children's building. The motion passed by majority vote, and thus the "Vision to Victory" program was launched. To complete the three goals listed above, one million to one and one-half million dollars would be needed in the next three years.

On January 19, 1994, the Space Utilization Study Committee was elected to study the current and future space needs of the church.

The Adult Choir presented the premier of Mary McDonald's Easter Cantata, "The Dawn of the Risen Glory" in the spring of

1994. Mrs. McDonald was present for the weekend and served as pianist for the presentation.

On June 15, 1994, the church voted to approve the recommendation that Trinity authorize the trustees to sell the Robert Thomas property to Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church for \$125,000.00, plus expenses, in trade for the right to purchase the Bill Early property for \$150,000.00.

The Concept Committee to Determine Building and Planning for the Future was elected on October 19, 1994. The members were: Dr. Furr, Ex-officio; Ken Boisseau; Ann Fogleman; Christie Fry; Jo Anne Harper; Dave Kissinger; Kenny Johnson; Brenda Joyner; Chic Pearce; Stan Pickett; Mary Ann Potts; Kim Price; Joy Robinson; Dan Tingen; and Barry Wilson.

On November 19, 1994, the Trinity family shared with Dr. and Mrs. Furr in the celebration of marriage of their daughter, Jamie Furr, to Brian Marlowe.

On August 20, 1995, the Ukraine Mission members, Rev. Al Marguerat, Marjorie Crecium, Emile Kiwan, and Joe Rouse presented a glowing report on their mission work in the Ukraine.

Karen Metcalf, Minister to Children, was ordained by Trinity in a special service on Sunday, March 3, 1996.

On April 14, 1996, Rev. Brooks Warren, Youth Minister, announced his engagement to Mandy McNamara.

On April 17, 1996, the church voted to develop plans for construction of a new building consistent with the "Vision to Victory" campaign goals. The church voted also to proceed with plans to select a Building Committee for that purpose.

Rev. Metcalf traveled to South Africa from April 23 to May 10, 1996 to participate in North Carolina's newest partnership in mission work.

In June, 1996, the Music Ministry hosted arranger and composer Joseph Martin for a Composer Day on Trinity's 40th Anniversary and Dr. Furr's 15th Anniversary. Mr. Martin and the Adult Choir presented a concert of his compositions, one of which was the anthem, "To Share Our Faith," in honor of Trinity and Dr.

Furr's anniversaries. Also, the Music Ministry hosted a High School Choir Reunion, and 135 present and past members presented a concert of past choir tour selections.

During 1996, plans were underway and funds were being raised by Trinity's membership to build a second Habitat for Humanity house. In 1997, this second house was built for the Bailey family.

Late in the year 1997, the Faust Johnson Organ Fund was established for receiving funds to purchase a new organ at a cost of \$100,000.00

In December 1997, the Adult Choir was invited to present a concert of sacred, "classical" Christmas music for the Grand Illumination Weekend at Colonial Williamsburg, when the Christmas lights are lit for the first time of the season. The program was presented on campus at the historic Bruton Parish Church, the first protestant church in America. Auditioned choirs from around the world have been asked to sing there. The church was filled to capacity and people stood outside the church to hear through opened windows.

In April 1998, Miller Warren, Chairman of the Planning Committee, presented plans for proposed new facilities.

On May 17, 1998, Dr. William J. Furr announced his resignation, following a dedicated and faithful seventeen years of pastoral leadership. On June 14, 1998, a church-wide reception for him and his family proved to be record-breaking attendance.

Exactly thirteen months after Dr. Furr announced his resignation as pastor of Trinity, the church family was saddened by his death on June 17, 1999. His family members are still involved in the life of Trinity.

The Pastor Search Committee was elected in June, 1998 to seek a new Senior Pastor. Serving on the committee were Boyd Dimmock, Chair, Fran Holland, Mark Munday, Zeke Smith, and Chris Stanley.

In July, 1998, the Music Ministry purchased and installed a new Allen "Renaissance" organ. Dr. James Good, Professor of

Church Music and Worship at Campbell University, and former organ teacher to Rev. Wayne Rogers, was invited to present the dedication concert.

Dr. Jack Coffey was called to serve as Interim Pastor in September, 1998.

In 1998, Peggy Masteller was recognized and honored for serving as Trinity's pianist for thirty years.

In January, 1999, five Trinity members were selected to work with Dr. Coffey. Those members were Grace Dalton, Paul Gubbins, Don Hart, Harry McDonald, and Hugh Shaw.

On January 9, 2000, the church voted to extend the call to Dr. G. Jeffery Roberts as Senior Minister of Trinity. Dr. Roberts accepted the call to begin ministry on February 7, 2000.

On January 16, 2000, Kim Price moved that Trinity approve and support a mission trip to Indonesia to conduct a Vacation Bible School for the missionary children.

An offering for the needy was established on February 21, 1999. This offering would be collected at the conclusion of each worship service in which the Lord's Supper was observed, as church members exited the sanctuary.

Nell Perrin was recognized and honored for her work as Senior Adult Coordinator in February 2000.

Also in February 2000, the Morris House was selected for use by the Youth under the direction of Rev. Brooks Warren.

Dr. Jeff Roberts was installed as Senior Pastor in a special service on March 5, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

On March 20, 2000, Phil Holland reported that Hurricane Floyd Disaster Relief was organized and underway.

In May 2000, the Trinity Baptist Church Scholarship was established at Campbell University's Divinity School, and was to be endowed for three years.

On May 21, 2000, the Morris House was named "The Lighthouse Ministry," with a theme of "More Youth - Closer to God."

On July 16, 2000, Kay Bisette, Chair of Missions Committee, recommended that the remaining balance of the Adopt A Missionary Fund be used to create a mission fund to be managed by the Trinity Baptist Church Foundation. The purpose of the fund would be to fund mission trips by Trinity members. The funds would come from interest generated from the fund, instead of the principal. The Missions Committee would direct the distribution of the funds. Dr. Roberts stated that the fund would not be an endowment. This fund was later named "The Shaw Missions Fund."

Rev. Hal Melton was called to serve as Associate Pastor and Adult Minister on September 10, 2000.

On October 15, 2000, Miller Warren, Chair of the Building and Planning Committee for Preschool-Children's Building and Recreation Outreach Center (ROC), moved for the committee to review its plan and begin the next phase of its mission statement to construct and enhance facilities that would meet the foreseeable needs of Trinity. Members of the committee included Brenda Avent, Michael Coats, Boyd Dimmock, Bill Early, Dan Fry, Jo Anne Harper, Rev. Metcalf, Kim Price, Dr. Roberts, Evelyn Slagle, Chris Stanley, Stephanie Tepper, Bill Warren, and Glenn Wellborn.

On January 21, 2001, Rev. Hal Melton presented two mission opportunities for the summer of 2001: Eagle River, Alaska, and Honduras; and Operation In As Much (a local mission day).

Trinity approved the licensing of David Cole to the ministry on February 18, 2001.

In April 2001, plans were underway to begin an additional worship service in the fall.

On April 22, 2001, Rev. Brooks Warren reported that a computer lab was being set up through the Martha Williams Memorial Fund. The lab would be located in the youth department for use by Carroll Middle School students and Trinity members.

The church voted on June 24, 2001 to approve the Planning and Building Committee's motion to acquire three adjacent

properties known as Williams, Stanley, and Moore for a purchase price of \$500,000.00.

In September of 2001, under the leadership of Melissa Warlick, a Wednesday morning Women's Bible Study was facilitated for women of all ages. Following Melissa, Dianne Clausen became facilitator.

Nan Holton was employed as Church Hostess in 2001.

On May 19, 2002, Ed and Nancy Hurt established the Nicolas Clausen Rainbow Scholarship in memory of their grandson. The scholarship would provide \$1,000.00 annually to a Trinity member who is completing high school and entering college. The award would be made on High School Recognition Day.

Trinity ordained Keith Little for ministry on August 18, 2002.

The Groundbreaking Service for Preschool-Children's Building and Recreation Outreach Center and the new church office area was held on March 30, 2003 at 10:55 a.m.

The dedication of the Habitat for Humanity house for the Jones family occurred on May 10, 2003. This house was constructed by Trinity members under the leadership of Boyd Dimmock.

Rev. Andy Jung was called to serve as Youth Minister on May 11, 2003. Later in this same year, the church recommended Andy to attend Campbell University Divinity School to pursue his master's degree.

Rev. Brooks Warren completed twelve years of dedicated and faithful service as Youth Minister on June 1, 2003. A church-wide reception for Brooks and Mandy was held on that Sunday evening.

On June 15, 2003, Rev. Jung began serving as Minister of Students and Activities. He worked with the Recreation Committee to establish policies for the use of the ROC.

Construction began on the Preschool-Children's Building, the ROC, and the church office area on June 30, 2003.

DiscipleNow began in 2004 under the leadership of Rev. Jung. DiscipleNow is an in-town retreat for students to focus on

their personal discipleship. The retreat grew from 60 students in 2004 to 85 students in 2006.

Also in 2004, Rev. Jung began a Student Leadership Team to help students take on leadership roles within the ministry of the church.

The Single Adults Ministry sponsored the J.C. Café in 2004.

The North Hills Crisis Center held its Open House on February 1, 2004. The Center opened for ministry on February 3, 2004.

In April 2004, the Music Ministry hosted arranger and composer Joseph Martin for the premier of his Easter Cantata “A Time for Alleluia.” Mr. Martin accompanied at the piano. He, with the Adult Choir, presented his commissioned anthem “Epilogue of Praise” in honor of the Adult Choir and all the Music Ministry Leadership on the occasion of Rev. Shaver’s 15th Anniversary at Trinity.

The Music Ministry honored Linda Dollar on her 25th Anniversary as Director of the Music Makers Choir. At the conclusion of the Music Makers musical, the Young Musicians Choir, under the leadership of Pam Phillips, presented a surprise commissioned children’s anthem by composer Joseph Martin entitled, “Keeper of the Song.”

On May 16, 2004, Laury Holley introduced Upward Basketball, a new outreach ministry for children ages five to twelve and their families.

The dedication of the Preschool-Children’s Building, the Recreation Outreach Center, and the church office area occurred on September 12, 2004. The cost of this project was \$6,145,350.84.

On September 19, 2004, John Lambeth announced that the Trinity Baptist Church Disaster Relief Trailer was almost completed.

The church approved construction of a Columbarium and Memorial Garden on church property on November 21, 2004. Doris Young would serve as chair of this committee.

On December 4, 2004, the first wedding reception was held in the new Family Life Center, when Laura Dimmock married Brian Nappier.

In 2005, facilities were renovated to provide the first music suite and a display area for church history items.

On February 20, 2005, the Missions Steering Committee moved that Trinity participate in the Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network. Trinity would be responsible for providing shelter, food, and Christian witness to homeless families for four weeks each year. This motion was approved.

In April 2005, Spencer Good was called to serve as the first full-time Minister of Recreation and Activities. Spencer began serving on May 2, 2005. Rev. Jung focused his efforts as Minister to Students, as Spencer took over the role of Minister of Activities. Spencer led the recreation ministry in the following ways: doubling the size of Upward Basketball program; adding cheerleading to the Upward program; and adding Summer Splash Fellowship Night, Group Fitness Program, and the Walk the Appalachian Trail.

In the spring of 2005, the following members were selected to serve on the 50th Anniversary Celebration Team to assist Dr. Roberts in planning a year of celebration: Tracy Bullock, Michael Coats, Dorthy Drew, Joy Earp, Tonya Higgins, Maury O'Dell, Gloria Overton, Dorothy Petty, Virgil Smithers, and David York. Plans for five special services for the year of 2006 were made as follows: February 5th - Rev. John Stone, Preacher for the Day; May 7th - Dr. Lamar Brooks, Preacher for the Day; July 16th - Rev. Travis Styles, Preacher for the Day; August 20th - Dr. Ray Pollard, Preacher for the Day, and Rev. H.S. Yarborough, Musician for the Day; October 8th - Dr. Jeffery Roberts, Preacher for the Day, and Michael McKeown, Musician for the Day. A Homecoming Picnic on the Grounds would be held on October 8th.

On October 16, 2005, Denise Crumpler reported that the new location for the North Raleigh Crisis Center is 2431 Spring Forest Road. Seven churches were participating.

Trinity's Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief Ministry was organized and underway under the supervision of Rev. Melton in November 2005.

On January 22, 2006, Fred McDuffee of the Music Ministry Committee moved that the church allow the committee to collect funds for the purchase of 700 Celebration Hymnals to replace the hymnals in the sanctuary. Approximately \$6,500.00 would be needed. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Spencer Good was ordained on March 5, 2006.

A medical mission trip to Dominican Republic occurred May 5 through May 12, 2006. Participants included Hal Melton (group leader); Betty Babyak, Beth Davis, Kathy McDuffee, Beverly Munday, and Jenny Wilson (all nurses); and Dr. Ken Benson, Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Logue, and Dr. Randy Macon.

On May 21, 2006, the Personnel Committee's motion to employ a Preschool Ministry Associate on a permanent part-time basis to assist the Minister of Childhood Education was approved.

The High School Choir took a mission tour in June of 2006 to Massachusetts to work with Celebration Church, a new church in downtown Boston. The forty-eight students and 9 adults from Trinity were involved in leading Vacation Bible School, cleaning and painting the church, and leading worship and performing concerts at the church and a local mall. This was one of nine mission tours the High School Choir has been on in the past seventeen years. The first mission tour was to Akron, Ohio in 1990, when our present pastor Dr. Roberts accompanied the High School Choir as the Youth Minister.

A special Fourth of July celebration was planned by Dorothy Petty, Senior Adult Coordinator, in July of 2006. The American Legion Post Number One of Raleigh led Trinity in the "Retiring of the Flag" ceremony.

On August 14, 2006, David E. Buffaloe, over one hundred years of age and the oldest member of Trinity, passed away. Four generations of Buffaloes shared in the life of Trinity.

The Fifth Annual Women's Retreat was September 29 through October 1, 2006, under the direction of Kay Bissette and Robin Roberts.

The Music Ministry's total active enrollment for all adult choirs, choral ensembles, student choirs, preschool and children's choirs, and instrumental ensembles reached a record 636, which is the fourth largest Music Ministry in the North Carolina Baptist Convention.

The Adult Choir will present a concert at the North Carolina Baptist Convention in Greensboro on November 14, 2006.

During the first fifty years, Trinity Baptist Church has remained faithful to its purpose of advancing and promoting the worship of God, through teaching and preaching the gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and in nurturing and involving its membership in ministry and outreach. Facilities have been provided as needs demanded, staff has increased from one to seventeen, programs have been expanded to meet needs, and the budget has increased from \$7,109.50 to \$1,816,258.00. Seven pastors and seven interim pastors have served, led, and ministered with us faithfully before the arrival of our present pastor, Dr. G. Jeffery Roberts on February 7, 2000.

Under the leadership of Dr. Roberts, God has led Trinity to implement new programs for ministry with the rapidly growing congregation, to expand our facilities through building a large Recreation Outreach Center, a new Children's Building, and a new Reception and Office area. The first unit of our permanent facility was also renovated to include classrooms, a new Music Suite, and space for a History and Heritage Haven.

During Dr. Robert's tenure, the church has called Rev. Hal Melton as Associate Pastor and Adult Minister, Rev. Andy Jung as Minister to Students, and Rev. Spencer Good as Minister of Recreation and Activities. Those serving before Dr. Roberts, who continue to serve today, include Rev. Robert Shaver, Minister of Music, Rev. Karen Metcalf, Minister of Childhood Education, and Rev. Charles Farag, Minister to Arabs.

Rev. Shaver is very effective as he coordinates our entire music program and plans for Sunday worship and special programs. Special services are now offered for Advent and Holy Week. The "Hanging of the Green" worship service was introduced in 1983 and is now one of the "mountain-top" experiences of worship for our church family.

Rev. Metcalf is dedicated to meeting the needs of our little ones and introducing programs of ministry. She implemented Fall Fest in October of 1993 with 200 in attendance. Participation has now grown to over 700. Because of year-round school issues, Rev.

Metcalf made adjustments to the Vacation Bible School schedule each year. In 2000, the Children's Ministry Committee endorsed the use of "Lead Teams" as an approach for ministry. Since 1993, Children's Day has been one of the most meaningful and highest attended Sundays of the year. In 2004, after 10 years of working with another building committee, a new Children's Facility was built. A new playground was added to meet the needs of all the children. Weekday preschool has continued to serve the young families of our church and community. Our children's ministry is known throughout the state as an exceptional program.

Rev. Farag is dedicated to serving God in leading our Arabic congregation. They are very inspirational to Trinity.

Rev. Melton is involved in the total ministry of Trinity. He has brought new insight into mission outreach in the life of Trinity. He works with Kay Bissette and our Missions Steering Committee to reach far beyond our church, our community, our state, and our nation. Working with Rev. Melton, Dorothy Petty leads our senior adults to be involved in ministry programs and purpose-filled trips, that it causes their "rocking chairs" to feel neglected. The Single Adult ministry is well organized and thriving, reaching out to each other and to other groups in the church and community.

Rev. Jung challenges our youth to new horizons with special attention to ministry through youth mission trips to Charleston, South Carolina; Murphy, North Carolina; Miami, Florida; Boston, Massachusetts; and to the areas hit by Hurricane Katrina. Our youth have experienced tremendous growth, with increased Sunday School attendance and increased participation in activities and retreats.

Rev. Good began work with Trinity on May 2, 2005. He is our first full-time employee to serve in the position of Minister of Recreation. Under his leadership, the ministry has changed in the following ways: Upward Basketball program doubled in size; cheerleading was added to the Upward program; Shaw Mission Golf Tournament raised twice as many funds; Summer Camp for grade school doubled in size; numerous activities were added including

Summer Splash Fellowship Night, surfing trips, fitness programs, and the Walk the Appalachian Trail.

In the beginning of 2006, a new Deacon Family Ministry plan was implemented with deacons serving through the Sunday School class ministry to help families. Sunday School attendance is now record-breaking.

Discipleship Training coordinates programs and classes for learning as needs arise. In 2001, Discipleship Training evolved into the C.L.U.E. program, under the leadership of Mike Tucker. Christian Learning for Use Every Day encompasses numerous classes throughout the year that are taught by Trinity members and staff to promote worship, learning, and fellowship.

Women's Missionary Union and Baptist Men coordinate GA's, RA's, and Youth Missions. Both promote learning and missions for adults, young people, and children as we reach out to others.

Jennifer Huggins, Jan Brown, Peggy Wyatt, Annie Ruth Tew, and Nan Holton are dedicated secretaries as they serve to support the ministry of Trinity.

As of September 27, 2006, present resident church membership is 2,141; non-resident membership is 410; yielding a total membership of 2,551. God has led us far beyond what our charter members predicted in 1955, which was a "really big church" with at least 500 members!

God has graciously nurtured Trinity throughout the years of beginning and developing. Dedication to seeking His will and compassion to doing His will have prevailed and continue to characterize our fellowship. There is much work to be done and great challenge is before us as we journey on. History serves as a foundation to build for that pilgrimage.

The first fifty years of Trinity are now history. The past cannot be recalled or altered, but we can be grateful to God for our heritage, and empowered by Him, we can share in whatever His Will for the future of Trinity Baptist Church includes!

Dorothy B. Drew
Church Historian
October 8, 2006

RECORD OF GROWTH 1956-2005

Year	Baptisms	Letters & Other Additions	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Total Budget Tithes & Other Gifts
1956	13	94	0	107	0	107	6,581
1957	14	40	13	114	5	149	9,587
1958	8	16	7	160	6	166	11,384
1959	10	30	11	178	13	191	12,908
1960	8	31	6	191	33	224	14,736
1961	8	17	17	200	32	232	21,028
1962	11	33	12	239	25	264	22,238
1963	15	62	14	300	31	331	25,552
1964	10	80	31	371	17	388	36,481
1965	1	38	18	337	62	399	41,990
1966	19	98	33	422	66	488	45,190
1967	15	33	33	426	84	510	54,954
1968	9	42	34	431	81	512	64,289
1969	10	23	38	438	72	510	60,159
1970	22	63	34	480	86	566	74,590
1971	11	46	26	505	89	594	98,056
1972	13	62	33	534	105	639	117,090
1973	19	77	33	597	105	702	120,470
1974	24	84	34	649	101	750	151,212
1975	21	46	46	688	107	795	190,412
1976	25	63	45	719	119	838	156,386
1977	49	98	38	775	119	894	236,852
1978	51	114	55	868	132	1,000	273,056
1979	23	103	85	745	296	1,041	427,000
1980	31	72	80	913	163	1,076	981,451
1981	15	65	53	909	207	1,116	712,371
1982	51	112	31	1,007	215	1,222	464,151
1983	40	152	64	1,130	214	1,344	516,112
1984	35	122	64	1,220	217	1,437	555,212
1985	28	128	80	1,290	223	1,513	622,524
1986	38	138	68	1,311	310	1,621	603,743
1987	38	171	82	1,415	334	1,749	852,731
1988	52	130	88	1,466	378	1,844	867,119
1989	50	101	93	1,479	423	1,902	975,534
1990	76	122	102	1,576	422	1,998	1,002,129
1991	44	107	101	1,625	423	2,048	1,009,080
1992	48	103	78	1,702	419	2,121	1,127,547
1993	42	105	89	1,730	440	2,170	1,035,575
1994	30	68	62	1,743	457	2,200	1,072,197

1995	16	74	92	1,717	472	2,189	954,266
1996	35	65	70	1,748	460	2,208	1,436,758
1997	29	37	66	1,746	462	2,208	1,560,048
1998	26	17	96	1,754	401	2,155	1,483,481
1999	10	14	6	1,739	410	2,149	1,317,663
2000	30	52	8	1,776	306	2,082	1,421,2509
2001	36	60	9	1,797	403	2,200	1,411,854
2002	53	63	9	1,900	269	2,169	2,080,163
2003	36	65	11	1,920	402	2,322	2,363,834
2004	47	67	21	1,975	401	2,376	3,275,541
2005	37	80	19	2,052	404	2,456	3,397,128

Fixed Assets as of 2006

Land (tax value)	\$1,013,202.00
Buildings (insurance value)	\$6,331,000.00
Personal property (insurance value)	\$1,145,700.00
2004 Education building/ROC (cost)	\$6,145,350.84

MEMORIAL ROLL OF DECEASED MEMBERS

C. D. Stevens	1960	Alan Peedin	1985
Mrs. Annie Stevens	1965	Mrs. Pattie Roberts	1985
Mrs. R. A. Bridges	1965	Gary Beach	1986
Walter Croy	1965	Joe Bowling	1986
R. A. Bridges	1966	Mrs. Rebecca Short	1986
Mrs. Blannie Howell	1966	Mrs. Mary Brooks	1987
R. H. Ensley	1966	Mrs. Ella Davis	1987
D. L. Davis	1967	Mrs. Lucille Davis	1987
Mrs. Alan Holt	1968	Richard Davis	1987
Alan Holt	1969	Cloid Link	1987
E. H. Rogers	1969	Wake Moore	1987
Lewis Gillett	1970	Mrs. Carolyn Rice	1987
Mrs. Lewis Gillett	1970	Steve Stephenson	1987
Bill Gillett	1970	Kent Wilkins	1987
Willard Huff	1970	William Bass	1988
Patti Campbell	1971	Mrs. Rita Bentley	1988
Steve Spearman	1971	Joseph Fulghum	1988
Ken Petty	1972	Mrs. Bernice Niles	1988
James H. Phillips	1972	Lee Rorschach	1988
Steve Campbell	1973	John Smith	1988
Wilbur Perry	1973	Mrs. Mary Catherine Talton	1988
Terry W. Allis	1973	Mrs. Habe Trevillian	1988
Eugene Lucas	1973	Mrs. Anne Avent	1989
Mrs. Myrtle Sheridan	1974	Frank Robinson	1989
Mrs. Shirley Bartholomew	1975	Mrs. Mary Hall	1990
Terry Carr	1975	Brian Winn	1990
William Heath	1975	Mrs. Natalie Glover	1991
Carlton Edwards	1976	Leslie Jones	1991
Mrs. Deanie Jones	1976	Eunice Link	1991
Clarence H. Pritchard	1976	Mrs. Jane Reavis	1991
Mrs. Emma Morris	1976	Mrs. Christy Shearin	1991
Hugh Rowe	1976	Mrs. Mary Anderson Baker	1992
Mrs. Jessie Feltner	1977	Lewis Howe	1992
Marvin Williams	1977	Henry King	1992
O. J. Lyerly	1979	Mrs. Violet Robinson	1992
Tim Faulkner	1979	Walter B. Stallings	1992
Graham Mooneyham	1980	Mrs. Gail Stephenson	1992
Hillman Dean	1981	Ron Berry	1993
Mrs. Henry King	1982	Wayne Brackett	1993
T. E. "Gene" Buchanan	1983	David Earl Butler	1993
Mrs. David Butler	1983	Mrs. Betty P. Carpenter	1993
Mrs. Mary Liles	1983	Mrs. Frances Hurst	1993
Mrs. Blanche Owen	1983	John Joseph Lynn	1993
Timothy Schlagenhauf	1983	Mrs. Ada Mooneyham	1993
G. C. Shelton	1983	Paul Niles	1993
Gilbert Barber	1984	Mrs. Florence Perry	1993
Roger Parker, Jr.	1984	Mrs. Shelton Pritchard	1993
Mrs. Marguerite Powell	1984	Martha Elizabeth Williams	1993
Darwin Beach	1985	Charles Bright	1994
Mrs. Bertha Miller	1985	Jim Cash	1994

James T. Edwards	1994	Bryan Edwin Reaves	2001
Mrs. M. Delle Lynn	1994	Ruth Schwensen	2001
Mrs. Gladys E. Ramey	1994	John Campbell	2001
Lindy Sauls	1994	Frances Williamson	2001
Mrs. Margie Brill	1995	Mike N. Babyak	2001
Mrs. Sadie Casey	1995	John B. Fleming	2001
Mrs. Lillie Holland	1995	Nell Bowling Perrin	2002
Colleen McKay	1995	Ed Hurt	2002
Charles Murray	1995	Rachel Manning Johnson	2002
Mrs. Hilda Taylor	1995	Marilyn Kreider	2002
Mrs. Esther Wilburn	1995	Dennis Carlyle Downing	2002
Tommie Williamson	1995	Ruby Evelyn Miller	2002
George Coats	1996	Jack Miller	2002
Sherman Sims	1996	Marie Ausley	2002
Russell Bullock	1996	Maggie Vaughan	2002
Wilma O. Tharrington	1996	Elizabeth Bullock	2003
Estelle Sanders	1996	Lena Carpenter	2003
Robert L. Hawkins	1996	Paul Wayman Gaydon	2003
Marie Campbell	1996	Dan Herndon	2003
Jep Casey	1996	Florence Barber	2003
Laura Wrenn	1996	Nelson Fitts	2003
Robert Faulk	1996	Brenda Buffaloe	2003
Lawrence Peek	1997	Catherine Culbreth	2003
Dan Scoggin	1997	Lessie Miller	2003
Wilson Morgan	1997	Barnie Barr	2003
James T. Smith	1997	Charles Lewis	2003
Ed Riggan	1998	Dorothy Navickas	2004
Inez Weatherman	1998	Lucille Ritter	2004
Al Holland	1998	Ruby Edwards	2004
Pearl Hale	1998	Ruth Lewis	2004
Sybil Kirk	1998	Linda Keith	2004
E. J. Wilburn	1998	Allan Drew	2004
Bill Brooks	1998	Irene Strickland	2004
Vara Pollard	1998	W. T. Thomas	2004
Wayne Moore	1998	Hazel Harmon	2004
Alexzena Fletcher	1998	Doris Corley	2004
Paul Brooks	1999	Margaret Gay	2004
George Bynum	1999	Eleanor Briley	2004
Oliver "Buddy" Culbreth	1999	Kathleen York Stallings	2004
Louise Huff	1999	Lorene Johnson	2004
Lois Bradfield	1999	Kathryn James	2004
Mae Moore	1999	Nello Norris	2004
James C. Windham	2000	Alene Brill	2004
Faust Johnson	2000	Louise Summers	2004
Jesse Joyner	2000	Carolyn Stock Sessoms	2004
Ione Pegram	2000	Herman Craft	2004
Blanche Thomas	2000	J.C. Britt	2005
Gladys Tharrington	2000	William "Bill" Early	2005
Helen Dean	2000	James Casper	2005
Tillie Sims	2000	W. Charlie Hartline	2005
Sara Jane Edwards	2001	Charles Thomas Brill	2005
Faye Brooks	2001	Mary S. Bass	2005
Beatrice Morton	2001	Vernon Dalton	2005

Mike Therrell	2005
Margaret Stephenson	2005
Alton Cobb	2005
Clarice Fitts	2005
Michelle Stern Cook	2005
Reuben Wheless	2005
Carolyn York	2005
Rebecca Garrett	2006
James Langley	2006
Samuel V. Moore	2006
Nora B. Fulton	2006
Betty Jean Perry	2006
Missy Gurley Weddington	2006
David E. Buffaloe	2006
Leslye Bergen	2006
Kathryn S. Edgerton	2006

Pastors of Trinity Baptist Church

Dr. Henry E. Walden, Jr. served as secretary of the Rural Church Development of the Baptist State Convention for seven years before his call to serve as Pastor of Trinity Baptist Church. He served Trinity for three years. He is a graduate of Wake Forest and received his Th.D from Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. After leaving Trinity, he served as Director of Missions for the Roberson Baptist Association until retirement. He and his wife, Ruth, parented four children, Henry, Martha, Trudy, and Archie.

Rev. Virgil Calvin Merrell was a native of Arkansas and graduated from Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina. Prior to coming to Trinity, Rev. Merrell served as Pastor of the San Souci Baptist Church in Greenville. He served as Trinity's Pastor for one year. He and his wife, June, raised three children, Cathy, Sherri, and Kim.

Rev. John Dawson Stone was a native of Durham, North Carolina. He graduated from Duke University with a B.A. degree and received his B.D. and Th.M. degrees from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was Pastor of Trinity for four years. Since leaving Trinity, in 1964, he has served as Pastor of First Baptist Church in Southern Pines, North Carolina. He and his wife, Catherine, have four children, Kelly, Mary, John, and Tyson.

Dr. Lamar Judson Brooks was born in Macon, Georgia. He attended Mars Hill College, graduated in 1956 from Mercer University in Macon, Georgia, and received his B.D. and Th.M. degrees from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Prior to his pastorate at Trinity, he served as Pastor of First Baptist Church in Cary, North Carolina and as Pastor of First Baptist Church in Dade City, Florida. During his ministry at Trinity from 1965-1968,

he served also on the staff at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Following his pastorate at Trinity, Dr. Brooks served at Wake Forest Baptist Church and First Baptist Church in Laurinburg, North Carolina. He retired as Pastor of Winter Park Baptist Church in Wilmington, North Carolina. He and his wife, Mary Margaret have three sons, James, Roger, and David.

Dr. Ray B. Pollard, Jr. is a graduate of Union University in Tennessee and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Prior to coming to Trinity, Dr. Pollard served as Pastor in King, North Carolina. He was Pastor of Trinity for six years. After leaving Trinity, he served as Pastor of First Baptist Church of South Boston, Virginia and Huguenot Road Baptist Church of Richmond, Virginia. He served also as Director of Church/Minister Relations for the General Board of the Baptist General Association of Virginia. He and his wife, Gayle raised two children, Kathy and Scott.

Rev. Travis Styles was born in Birmingham, Alabama. He graduated in 1949 from Samford College and in 1955 from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary with a Bachelor in Divinity. Prior to serving at Trinity, Rev. Styles served churches in Birmingham, Alabama; Statesboro, Georgia; and Raleigh and Burlington, North Carolina. He was Pastor of Trinity for four years. Upon leaving Trinity, Rev. Styles became Pastor of First Baptist Church in Andrews, North Carolina. He and his wife, Bernadine, parented three children, Tom, Jo, and Kelly.

Dr. William J. Furr was born in Concord, North Carolina. He graduated in 1961 from Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina and received his M. Div. and D. Min degrees from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Prior to serving at Trinity, Dr. Furr served North Carolina churches in Middlesex, Clayton, Chadbourn, Newton, and Winston-Salem. He served as Pastor of Trinity for seventeen years. He and his wife, Bobbie, have two children, Jeff and Jamie.

Dr. G. Jeffery Roberts returned to Trinity as Senior Pastor in 2000. He had previously served as Minister to Youth and Singles from 1986-1990. Dr. Roberts, a native of Knoxville, Tennessee, is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and holds a Master of Divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

and a Doctor of Ministry degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Prior to serving at Trinity, Dr. Roberts was Pastor of First Baptist Church in Niota, Tennessee, First Baptist Church in Middlesboro, Kentucky, and Northwest Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Dr. Roberts and his wife, Robin, have a son, Tyler, and a daughter, Jordan.

**Deacons of Trinity Baptist Church
1956-2006**

Dan Allen	Tom Dimmock	Allen Hunter
Steve Austin	Ross Douglass	Nancy Hunter
Mike Babyak	Allan Drew	Ed Hurt
Roger Ballard	Dorthy Drew	Nancy Hurt
Thelma Beach	Ed Duke	Perry James, Jr.
Clifton Belcher	Bill Early	Dale Jenkins
Ron Berry	Joe Eason	Faust Johnson
Gerald Bissette	Steve Eason	Mike Johnson
Ollie Blake	Herndon Edgerton	Walt Johnson
Doug Boggie	Carlton Edwards	Paul Jones
Ken Boisseau	Mike Elledge	Raymond Jones
Davis Bowen	Frank Evans	Todd Jones
Bob Boyd	Richard Everett	Ralph Jordan
Mark Brandt	John Finch	Billy Joyner
David Brantley	Anne Fogleman	Jesse Joyner
Wanda Briggs	John Fogleman	Jody Joyner
Bill Briley	Stacie Forrest	Sam Judge
Paul Brooks	Dan Fry	Joe Kenny
Robert Brooks	Brenda Fulp	David Kissenger
Ray Broughton	Ronald Fulp	Emile Kiwan
Wayne Bryant	Bill Gard	John Lambeth
T.E. Buchanan	Lewis Gillette	Arnold Lawson
John Buffaloe	Jim Goldston	Michael Lawson
David Butler	William Granberry	Jerry Ledford
Craig Cahoon	Dwight Greene	David Lee
Tim Caldwell	Julius Greene	J.R. Lee
Ralph Campbell	Craig Groce	William Lee
Tom Campbell	Paul Gubbins	Lori LeSuer
Howard Chestnutt	Jim Hall	Neil Loyd
Joe Christian, Jr.	Karen Hall	Charles Macon
William Christian, Jr.	Clifton Harper	Velma Martin
Tom Clark	Jo Anne Harper	Daryl Masteller
Dianne Clausen	William Harryman	Jerry McAtee
Michael Coats	Donald Hart	Doug McBrayer
Jeff Cobb	Mary Jane Hart	Ed McCoy
Charlotte Cole	Ann Hawkins	Dean McDaris
Victor Cole	Robert Hawkins	Harry McDonald
Richard Coley	Ron Hawley	Fred McDuffee
E.G. Collins, Jr.	Steve Head	Bill McFarling
Jack Cooke	Bill Heath	James McNeil
Leland Cottle	Dan Herndon	Art Melvin
Bob Crotts	Larry Higgins	Larry Mercer
Archie Cumbee	J. Reid Hill	L.A. Millis
Sally Dail	Wayne Hill	Douglas Mims
Grace Dalton	Joe Hodge	Fred Mitchell
Vernon Dalton	Phil Holland	Jane Mitchell
Joe Davis	Hugh Hollar	Graham Mooneyham
Marvin Davis	Alan Holley	Donald Moore
Betty Dew	Walter Holt	Wilson Morgan
Harold Dew	Willie Hucks	Mark Munday
Roger Dillard	Ann Hudson	James Myers
Boyd Dimmock	Al Hunter	Nello Morris

Nello Norris
David Odom
Terry Odom
Keith Osborne
Charles Overton
Earl Parker
Joe Parker
Steve Parrott
E.B. Pearce
Sylvia Pearce
George Pearson
Steve Peedin
Dorothy Petty
Marion Petty
Stan Pickett
Bill Plyer
Larry Poole
Lisa Poole
Lonnie Poole
Burt Potter
Stewart Price
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David Radford
Connie Reim
Ed Riggan
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David Robie
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Joe Rouse
Tamara Rouse
Charles Royal
Rick Royals

Kim Sanderson
Lloyd Schlagenhauf
Banks Scudder
Hugh Shaw
Beth Sherbert
Minnie Shores
Jim Sibley
Sherman Sims
Dan Slagle
Jerry Smith
Jo Anne Smith
Martha Smith
Zeke Smith
Virgil Smithers
Beth Snyder
David Snyder
Bob Stallings
Walter Stallings
Chris Stanley
Stephanie Stanley
Martha Stephenson
Neil Stephenson
S.C. Stephenson
Mary Jo Stikeleather
Channing Stone
Alton Strickland
Greg Struble
Carl Swigett
Fred Talton
Wes Talton
William Taylor
Joe Teague
Maury Tepper

Stephanie Tepper
Ken Thomas
Mark Thomas
W.T. Thomas, Jr.
Wes Thomas
Ernest Tilley
Stephanie Treadway
Mike Tucker
Bill Tyndall
Neal Vann
Tom Vestal
Don Ward
Joe Ward
W. Andrew Ward
Claude Warren
Miller Warren
William Warren
Richard Washington
Kelly Watson
Glenn Wellborn
Harold West, Jr.
Berry Williams
Barry Wilson
Jenny Wilson
Floyd Woody
Ray Woody
Wayne Yeargan
Randy York
Ted York
Dewey Young
Chris Zepher

Chairmen of the Diaconate

Clarence Pritchard	1956	Harold Dew	1982
Clarence Pritchard	1957	Gerald Bisette	1983
Carl Swiggett	1958	Dean McDarris	1984
Clarence Pritchard	1959	J.R. Lee	1985
Hugh Shaw	1960	Steve Head	1986
David Butler	1961	Ed Riggan	1987
Vernon Dalton	1962	Ray Broughton	1988
Clarence Pritchard	1963	J.R. Lee	1989
Hugh Shaw	1964	Harold Dew	1990
Clarence Pritchard	1965	Harry McDonald	1991
Robert Brooks	1966	Harry McDonald	1992
Alton Strickland	1967	Ed Riggan	1993
Clarence Pritchard	1968	Ed McCoy	1994
Robert Hawkins	1969	Miller Warren	1995
Robert Brooks	1970	David Kissinger	1996
William Granberry	1971	Connie Reim	1997
Fred Talton	1972	Grace Dalton	1998
Robert Brooks	1973	Phil Holland	1999
Donald Hart	1974	Frank Evans	2000
Alton Strickland	1975	Cliff Belcher, Chris Stanley	2001
Donald Hart	1976	David Lee	2002
Bill Lee	1977	Neil Lloyd	2003
George Pearson	1978	Harry McDonald	2004
Frank Evans	1979	Mark Brandt	2005
Ray Woody	1980	Jeff Cobb	2006
Harry McDonald	1981		

Trinity Baptist Church Staff – The First Fifty Years

Dr. Henry Walden, Jr., Pastor	1956-1958
Mrs. Allan Drew, Church Secretary	1958-1973
Dr. Robert Newton, Interim Pastor	1958-1959
Rev. Virgil Merrell, Pastor	1959-1960
Dr. Ralph McClain, Interim Pastor	1960-1960
Rev. John Stone, Pastor	1960-1964
Dr. Thomas Bland, Interim Pastor	1964-1965
Dr. Lamar Brooks, Pastor	1965-1968
Mrs. Ralph Kelly, Sr., Minister of Music	1966-1973
Rev. Ted Janes, Interim Pastor	1968-1969
Dr. Ray Pollard, Jr., Pastor	1969-1975
Dr. Charles Curtis Finch, Associate Pastor and Youth Minister	1970-1973
Rev. H.S. Yarborough, Jr., Minister of Music & Youth	1973-1975
Mrs. Rosemary Suggs, Church Secretary	1973-1973
Greg Gulley, Summer Youth Minister	1974-1974
Mrs. Howard Potter, Church Secretary	1974-1975
Dr. John Eddins, Interim Pastor	1975-1976
Rev. Travis Styles, Pastor	1976-1980
Mrs. Clara Horton, Church Secretary	1976-1978
Miss Katie Hatcher, Summer Youth Minister	1976-1976
Thomas Poole, Interim Minister of Music	1976-1977
Cecil Burt, Interim Minister of Music	1977-1978
Dale Chambliss, Minister of Youth	1977-1977
Rev. Harold West, Assoc. Pastor of Education/Administration	1977-1986
Rev. David Thomas, Minister of Youth	1978-1979
Dennis Grass, Minister of Music	1978-1980
Mrs. Charles Maynard, Jr., Church Secretary	1979-1993
Mrs. Ted Prevatte, Financial Secretary	1979-1992
Miss Katie Hatcher, Minister of Youth & Special Programs	1979-1983
Mrs. Richard Everett, Organist	1979-1992
Cecil Burt, Interim Minister of Music	1980-1982
Dr. John Durham, Interim Pastor	1980-1981
Dr. William Furr, Pastor	1981-1998
Mike McKeown, Minister of Music	1982-1988
Rev. Frank Robinson, Visitation Minister	1983-1987
David Odom, Interim Youth Minister	1983-1984
Rev. Warren Johnson, Youth Minister	1984-1987
Rev. Jerry Helderman, Minister of Education	1986-1990
Rev. Charles Farag, Minister with Arabs	1986-2006

Dr. G. Jeffery Roberts, Youth Minister	1987-1991
Linda Bryant, Interim Minister of Music	1988-1989
Rev. Ann Charles-Craft, Children's Minister	1988-1990
Rev. Robert Shaver, Minister of Music	1989-2006
Rev. Mary Lou Beck, Children's Minister	1989-1992
Rev. Brooks Warren, Youth Minister	1991-2003
Rev. Al Marguerat, Adult Minister	1991-1997
Rev. Wayne Rogers, Organist	1992-2006
Rev. Karen Metcalf, Childhood Education Minister	1993-2006
Dr. Davis Bowen, Singles Minister	1997-2000
Dr. Jack Coffey, Interim Pastor	1998-2000
Mrs. Ramona Green, Pianist	1999-2006
Dr. G. Jeffery Roberts, Senior Pastor	2000-2006
Rev. Hal Melton, Associate Pastor and Adult Minister	2000-2006
Rev. Andy Jung, Youth Minister	2003-2006
Rev. Spencer Good, Minister of Recreation & Activities	2005-2006

Present Church Staff

Dr. G. Jeffery Roberts	Senior Pastor
Rev. Hal Melton	Associate Pastor/Adults
Rev. Robert A. Shaver	Minister of Music
Rev. Karen D. Metcalf	Minister for Childhood Education
Rev. Andy Jung	Minister to Students
Rev. Charles Farag	Minister to Arabs
Rev. Spencer Good	Minister of Recreation/Activities
Jennifer Huggins	Pastoral Secretary
Jan Brown	Financial Secretary
Peggy Wyatt	Communications Secretary
Annie Ruth Tew	Receptionist
Nan Holton	Church Hostess/Administrative
Maria Bogue	Weekday Preschool Director
Anne Warren	Weekday Preschool Bookkeeper
Chet Goodson	Custodial Services/Maintenance
Rev. Wayne Rogers	Organist
Ramona Greene	Pianist

Present General Church Officers

Chairman of Deacons - Jeff Cobb
Sunday School Director - Boyd Dimmock
Discipleship Training Directors - Mike Tucker, Chris Zepher
Women's Missionary Union Director - Kay Bissette
Baptist Men Directors - Mark Brandt, Chris Zepher
Church Treasurer - Beth Snyder
Assistant Treasurer - Pam Patrick
Corporate Secretary - Sylvia Wellborn
Assistant Corporate Secretary - Bill Gard
Moderator - Don Hart
Assistant Moderator - Tom Dimmock

Present Trustees

Brenda Avent	Art Melvin	Shannon Rouse
Ray Broughton	Mark Munday	Dan Slagle
Michael Coats	Maury O'Dell	Ernest Tilley

Pastor's Advisory Council

Ray Broughton	Nancy Hurt
Jeff Cobb	Jerry Smith
Don Hart	Chris Stanley
Fran Holland	

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Michael Coats	Gloria Overton
Dorothy Drew	Dorothy Petty
Joy Earp	Virgil Smithers
Tonya Higgins	David York

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