

**TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
NORTH CANTON, OHIO**



2026 CHURCH PROFILE



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Our Mission

Leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

Our Vision

We will be a relevant, caring, growing community, by spreading Christ's joy, and providing special events and services that demonstrate God's love in practical ways to our community. We will be outwardly-focused, demonstrating a quality of life that leads non-Christians to desire Jesus and inspires Christians to greater levels of fruitfulness in God's kingdom.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

The following are the core beliefs of Trinity Baptist Church based on the foundational truths taught in the Bible. All of our teaching and ministry is rooted in and flows out of these biblical doctrines.

God

There is one true, eternal God who exists in three distinct, co-equal and co-eternal persons with precisely the same nature, attributes and perfections, but with complementary roles, each worthy of the same homage, honor, confidence and obedience: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:26; Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 3:16-17, 28:19-20; John 1:1, 10:30; 1Peter 1:2). He is the creator and sustainer of all that exists, both visible and invisible, and is therefore worthy of all glory and praise. God is perfect in love, power, holiness, goodness, knowledge, wisdom, justice, and mercy. He is unchangeable and therefore is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow (Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8).

God the Father

He is the Sovereign Creator (Genesis 1:1; 1Corinthians 8:6), but also a personal, loving, merciful Father seeking a relationship with His creation (Deuteronomy 4:31; Nehemiah 9:31; 1John 1:3; Revelation 3:20). He concerns himself with the affairs of people (Romans 5:8; 8:28), hears and answers prayer (Psalm 6:9), and saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ (John 3:16-17). God is love (1John 4:8).

God the Son

God has revealed Himself to us through His Son, Jesus Christ, who is the visible image of the invisible God: God in the flesh – a fully human incarnation, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, and sinless in life (John 1:14; Matthew 1:18; Luke 1:34). Christ was fully God and fully man, two distinct natures co-existing without contradiction (Philippians 2:6-7; Colossians 2:9). He was obedient to the Father (John 6:38; Philippians 2:8; Hebrews 10:9). Jesus taught by word and example how we should live. He is the Redeemer – the Savior of the world, whose purpose was to seek and to save what was lost (Luke 19:10). He was unjustly condemned to death by secular and religious authorities. He was crucified, died, and was buried. He was not an unwitting or unwilling sacrifice (John 10:18) – He chose to love the world in this way. He was bodily resurrected from the dead on the third day after His crucifixion, verifying His claim to Deity and the core reason for placing our faith in Him (Luke 24:6; John 20:17). He is personal, with whom we must have a relationship to be saved (John 3:16).

He is alive today, ascended into Heaven and sitting at the right hand of God the Father (Mark 16:19). He is our priestly intercessor (Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25-26). He is the Way, the Truth and the Life (John 14:6; Acts 4:12). He is the King of Kings who will return in triumph to consummate His Kingdom with a new heaven and new earth (Matthew 24:30; Revelation 19:16; Matthew 25:31).

God the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is fully God (Matthew 28:19). He carries out God's purposes, and was sent by Christ to continue His ministry in the world (John 15:26; 16:7-15). He convicts us of sin, convinces and converts by transforming hearts. He is personal – Christ indwelling us as we are baptized with the Spirit when we believe in Jesus Christ (John 14:16-17; Acts 1:5). He intercedes for us through prayer (Romans 8:26-27) and helps us interpret Scripture (2Peter 1:21). He is our Comforter and Counselor (John 14:16, 26). The Holy Spirit teaches, guides and empowers every believer (John 16:13), gives spiritual gifts to be used for the glory of God (1Corinthians 12:4-11) and helps us demonstrate spiritual fruit (Acts 1:8; Galatians 5:16-18, 22-25).

Humanity

The culmination of God's Creation was humankind – male and female, unique among all creatures in the image of God and free from sin (Genesis 1:27-28), appointed as caretakers of the rest of God's creations. God created humans for His glory, free to please Him and fulfill His will (Isaiah 43:7); but as a result of Adam's disobedience, they lost their innocence, became physically mortal and corruptible, and spiritually dead in sin (separated from God) (Ephesians 2:1). Because they were the root of all mankind, their corrupted nature and guilt were passed on to all their succeeding posterity (Romans 5:18). Humankind lacks the ability to restore ourselves to a right relationship with God (Romans 5:12-21). Because of our sin we need a Savior.

Salvation

As a result of our sin, all of humanity is depraved and worthy of God's full judgment (Romans 6:23). Redemption from God is necessary because humankind has no way to fully atone for our sins. God's desire is that all be saved (1Timothy 2:4; 2Peter 3:9), but it is our choice (John 3:19, 5:39-40; Romans 7:19). Salvation is by grace through repentance and faith in the completed work of Jesus Christ – a free gift of God's sovereign initiative and loving nature (Acts 20:21; John 3:16; 14:6), apart from any human merit, works, or ritual (Ephesians 2:8-9). Salvation is made possible by Christ's death on the cross as our substitute (1John 4:10). Because of this, our sins are forgiven, and we are brought into right relationship with God and we are assigned Christ's righteousness on the Day of Judgment (2Corinthians 5:21). Salvation is the promise of spending eternity with God (Titus 1:2). All true believers, once saved, are secure in Christ forever (John 6:37-40, 10:27-29; Romans 8:1, 38-39).

Eternity

Jesus Christ is returning one day to judge both the living and the dead and to usher in the fullness of God's kingdom on earth. The Second Coming of Christ is a certainty (Matthew 24:44; 1Thessalonians 4:16), the ultimate source of hope for believers. Christ

will return victorious as reigning King (Revelation 19:11-16). There will be the bodily resurrection of both the saved and the lost (1Corinthians 15:52-53; Revelation 20:11-13). The saved will be raised to everlasting joy and blessedness with God and dwell in His presence in a new Earth and Heaven (Philippians 1:23; 1Thessalonians 4:14-17; Revelation 3:12, 20:4-6). The lost will be raised to judgment and experience eternal wrath in Hell away from God's presence – they will only be there because they rejected Jesus (Matthew 25:41-46; Mark 9:43-48, 16:16; John 5:28-29, 11:25-26; 2Thessalonians 1:7-9; Revelation 20:14-15).

The Scriptures

The Old and New Testament scriptures are the written Word of God: a compilation of sixty-six books inspired by the Holy Spirit, written by different authors with different personalities in different styles of literature (2Peter 1:20-21). It is the entirety of God's revealed Truth (Deuteronomy 4:2; Revelation 22:18-19).

The Bible is a revelation of God's purposes and nature, and records God's great historical act of redemption, revealing completely God's will and plan for salvation through the person and works of Jesus Christ (1Corinthians 15:1-2). The Bible is relevant today as the supreme and final authority in faith and life – to offer truth, and to be the standard against which we gauge matters of faith and practice in both the church and in the life of the individual Christian (Deuteronomy 29:29; Romans 15:4; 2Timothy 3:16-17). Individual quality time in God's Word is necessary for the pursuit of God and spiritual formation, growing life-long in the image of Christ (James 4:8a).

The Church

The true church is composed of all persons who, through saving faith in Jesus Christ, have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:41-47). The church is the spiritual Body of Christ, with Christ is its head (Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18). Its purposes are to proclaim the Gospel, helping those distant from God come into an intimate relationship with Jesus, and to love and serve others (Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 10:43-45). The church is Christ's hands and feet to continue His works in the world (1Corinthians 12:27). It is also a local community of baptized believers, who meet together regularly for worship, equipping, teaching, fellowship, evangelism, service, and prayer, and who should observe the ordinances and exercise discipline (Hebrews 10:24-25; Ephesians 4:11-13).

Satan

Satan exists. He is a fallen angel who rebelled against God and became the enemy of God and man. Satan is the author of sin and the tempter in the fall of man. He rules a kingdom on earth and seeks to thwart the work of God, keep the unsaved from being saved, and hinder and destroy the testimony and ministry of Christians. Jesus Christ, in His death and resurrection, defeated Satan, who will at the appointed time be cast into the lake of fire together with his evil angels (Job 1:6-7; Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:12b-19; Matthew 4:1-11, 25:41; Revelation 20:10).

Sanctity of Human Life

All human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life (Psalm 139), understanding with compassion the complexities and medical necessities of each situation.

Genesis tells us from the beginning that every human being is made in the image of God and possesses unique dignity and worth (Genesis 1:26-27). The sixth Commandment states, "You shall not murder" (Exodus 20:13). We must value life simply because it is a life that God has given, and because every human life is sacred and every person made in the image of God, even if some cannot yet speak for themselves. Every life is uniquely crafted by God in the womb from the moment of conception (Psalm 139:13-16). Before we were born, God knew us (Jeremiah 1:4-5). God has a plan for every life that He gives. The unborn John the Baptist leapt in Elizabeth's womb in the presence of unborn Jesus within a pregnant Mary (Luke 1:41-44). A Biblical view of life values it from the time that a heart starts beating until God determines when its existence here on earth has ended.

Marriage, Gender and Sexuality

The Bible is our rule for faith and practice; therefore, we minister to ALL persons, and every person must be shown compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity (Mark 12:31; Luke 6:31). Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be renounced and rejected.

God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Gen 1: 27). There are no other genders.

The term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union (Gen 2:18, 24). We affirm that God's gracious intention in creation for human sexual conduct is faithful, lifelong heterosexual union for married persons, and no intimate sexual activity for unmarried persons (committed celibate behavior).

Any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, rejection of one's biological sex, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God (Leviticus 20:10-16; 1 Cor 6:9-10; 1Thessalonians 4:3-8; Hebrews 13:4). God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ (Acts 3:19-21; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor 6:11).

The Ordinances

The two ordinances established by Christ and passed on to the church are Baptism and the Lord's Supper (or communion). These ordinances are a scriptural means of testimony and celebration and are not requirements for salvation.

Following Christ's example in baptism is a public declaration of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Immersion in baptism is a picture of death with Christ (dying to the old self), resurrection with Him (rising as a new creature), and forgiveness of sins (Romans 6:3-11; Colossians 2:12).

Communion recalls the reason for, and the means by, which Christ died. The elements are symbolic – a remembrance of Christ's body broken for us and His blood shed for us, nourishing us spiritually (1Corinthians 11:23-26). It should be celebrated on a regular basis in a worthy manner to remind us of our participation in the benefits of Christ's death, affirmation of His love for us, and as a sign of continuing fellowship with Christ and the unity of believers.

American Baptist Distinctives

The Baptist distinctives – sola scriptura, autonomous local churches, the priesthood of all believers, individual soul liberty, two ordinances and religious liberty – can be identified in the New Testament church and should be present in our congregations today. God's Word alone is the final authority for matters of faith and practice. Local congregations are self-governing under the rule of Christ and should remain free from hierarchical and governmental interference and coercion. All believers have access to God because of Christ's imputed righteousness and should be ambassadors of God's love to the world. God gives each of us the choice to shape our own faith and relationship with God, and that right and responsibility should remain personal.

Final Authority for Matters of Belief and Conduct

The statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of Trinity Baptist Church's faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our Senior Pastor is Trinity's final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.

Core Values

Prayer – Encouraging personal commitment to praying to God, listening to and communicating intimately with the living Christ, both individually and together. (Matthew 21:13; 1Thessalonians 5:16-18; Philippians 4:6)

Relationship – Believing that Christianity is more than a religion—it is a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Helping those distant from God come into an intimate relationship with Jesus. (Colossians 1:28-29, Romans 5:6-11)

Dynamic Worship – Cultivating enthusiastic worship that is refreshing, powerful and inspirational, and expressed with passion, reverence, and joy. Exalting and celebrating Christ wholeheartedly with Spirit-filled, meaningful worship experiences and biblical preaching applied to life, encouraging participation by all. (Psalms 107:1-3, 21-22; Psalms 95:1-7; Psalms 29:2; Psalms 34:1-3; Ephesians 5:19-20; 1Timothy 2:8; Philippians 4:4; John 4:24; Romans 12:1)

Spiritual Formation and the Pursuit of God – Spending individual quality time reading God's Word in the Bible, growing life-long in the image of Christ. (Psalms 63:1-3; Romans 15:4; 2Timothy 3:16-17; Luke 21:33; John 1:1-3; Psalms 119:89; Joshua 1:8; John 1:1-3; 2Peter 1:20-21; Proverbs 30:5-6; Galatians 2:20; Leviticus 11:44; 1Peter 1:14-15; Romans 12:1-2)

Discipleship – Spreading the Joy: teaching, training and learning to follow Christ. Keeping the word of God central, studying and teaching it to God's family and the community. First to grow as disciples of Christ ourselves and then to make disciples of others. Jesus' love, mercy, grace, truth, purity, power and integrity shining through all that we are and do. (Matthew 28:18-20; Hebrews 6:1-2; Ephesians 4:32-5:2)

People – Experiencing life in Christ together while building healthy relationships, seeking to encourage each other in the things of God. Working together to build the Church through maintaining mutual respect, open communication, determined cooperation and believing and speaking the best about each other. Fellowshiping with each other, encouraging ourselves in the faith and praying together, bearing one another's burdens, motivating one another toward love and good deeds. (Acts 2: 42-47; Hebrews 10:25, 35; 1John 1:7; 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, Romans 12:9-10)

Every Person a Dedicated Servant – Everyone using their God-given gifts to serve Christ, one another and the world seven days a week. (1 Corinthians 12; 1 Corinthians 14:12; 1Timothy 4:14-15; Romans 12:4-8; Ephesians 4:4-7, 11-12; Mark 10:37, 43-45)

Evangelism – Being outwardly focused, reaching out with the good news of Jesus Christ, testifying through our words and our lives, and supporting missions throughout the world. Ministering to our friends and neighbors who do not know Christ through

involvement and identification with them without losing our identity in Christ, in order to lead them into a growing relationship with Christ. (Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 8:1-8; Mark 16:15-16; Philippians 1:6; Acts 1: 8; Acts 4:34-35; John 10:9; John 14:6)

About Trinity Baptist Church

Trinity Baptist Church of North Canton, Ohio was established in 1965, and is affiliated with American Baptist Churches USA, American Baptist Churches of Ohio and the Akron Association of American Baptist Churches. We believe in close cooperation with other Christian churches and organizations, such as local church councils and the North Canton Ministerial Association.

Location

The church is located near the center of North Canton, which was voted one of “America’s Top 100 Places to Live”. The city of North Canton, located in Stark County with a population of nearly 18,000, is an outstanding community that blends beautiful residential areas with a solid business community to create an ideal environment for living and working. The city also offers excellent city services, state-of-the-art safety services, and the School District is ranked “Excellent” by the Ohio Department of Education. Additionally, the community parks offer biking, hiking, swimming, team sports, and golfing opportunities.

The median age of residents is 45.9 years. The median household income is \$72,193, and the poverty rate is 6.2%, which is less than half of Ohio's average rate. The population is well educated, with over 38% of all residents over 25 years of age having achieved a bachelor’s degree or higher. The North Canton City School District is ranked in the top 10% of public school districts in Ohio, according to *Public School Review*. North Canton is also home to Walsh University, and a short drive from both the Kent State Stark Campus and Stark State College.

Our History

In 1964, the vision for a new American Baptist congregation in the North Canton area began to take shape. Leaders from the First Baptist Churches of Canton and Massillon, along with the Ohio Baptist Convention, initiated the effort. By late that year, a Steering Committee was formed with representatives from several churches and associations. On December 10, 1964, the Fellowship of American Baptists of North Canton held its very first worship service in the home of Bob and Ruth Ann Johnson, marking the humble beginnings of what would become Trinity Baptist Church.

Throughout 1965, the small fellowship grew steadily. Rev. Ralph Belknap was called as the first pastor, and by September, the group officially adopted the name *Trinity Baptist Church*. Their first Sunday service was held at Clearmount School with 65 worshipers in attendance. That same year saw the beginnings of ministries still central to Trinity’s life, including the first Vacation Bible School.

The following years brought steady growth and new facilities. In January, 1966, a five-acre building lot on the corner of East Maple and Marquardt Streets was purchased for future development. In October of that year, construction of the parsonage began. By 1967, the church was chartered with 75 members, had adopted its first Constitution, and filed Articles of Incorporation with the State of Ohio. In 1973, ground was broken for a Worship and Education Building. On Palm Sunday, 1974, the congregation moved from Clearmount School into their new home, which was formally dedicated that September. A new sanctuary was later planned, completed, and dedicated in 1985 as part of Trinity’s 20th anniversary celebration.

Over the decades, Trinity has been shepherded by faithful pastors: Rev. Ralph Belknap, Rev. Harris Paulson, Rev. Gordon Thomas, Rev. Douglas Hargis, Rev. David Wright, Pastor Jon Lobos, and Rev. Steven Cope. Each leader brought vision and care that guided the church through times of growth, transition, and outreach.

Ministry at Trinity has always reached beyond its walls. The church has supported local and global missions—from food pantries and homeless shelters in Stark County to international projects. The congregation has faithfully supported American Baptist missionaries and offerings, while also serving its local community through events such as Vacation Bible School, an annual Chili Cook-Off, Easter Egg Hunts, Christmas programs, and participation in the North Canton Main Street Festival.

In recent years, Trinity has continued to adapt and grow. The 50th anniversary was celebrated in 2015, and in 2019 accessibility was

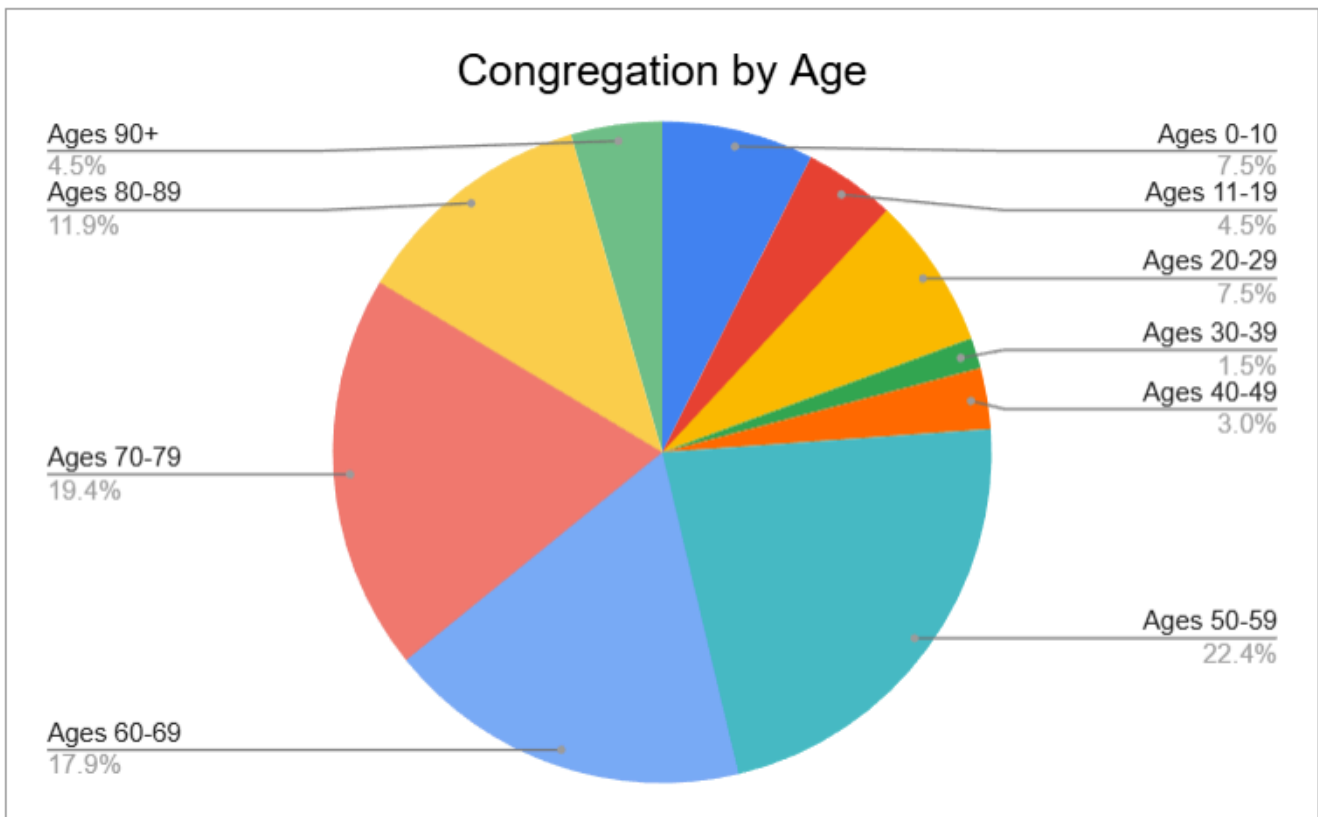
improved with the addition of a lift. When the COVID-19 pandemic forced the temporary closure of the building in 2020, worship and Bible study quickly transitioned to livestream and virtual gatherings until in-person services could safely resume.

Today, Trinity Baptist Church stands as a testament to God's faithfulness across generations. From small gatherings in living rooms to a thriving congregation with a strong legacy of worship, outreach, and fellowship, Trinity continues to serve as a beacon of hope and ministry in North Canton—grounded in Christ, strengthened by community, and committed to carrying forward the mission of the Gospel.

Our Congregation – Trinity Baptist Church currently has around 75 members and regular attendees. Our congregation is blessed with capable leaders and a nucleus of dependable workers with a genuine concern for each other. We have a good record for stewardship and have the benefit of being situated in a fine suburban community.

The congregation at Trinity Baptist is predominantly made up of middle-class families, singles and retirees. In addition to worshipping together, members enjoy time together outside of church. We continue to have a reputation of being a friendly church in welcoming visitors and guests. During the summer, we enjoy Monday night cornhole tournaments at the church.

The role of the congregation is to serve as the primary ministers of the Church and will be held accountable for ministry. The adult members vote on the approval of the annual budget, the call or dismissal of the Senior Pastor, the approval of individuals recommended for service on the Leadership Team, and the purchase or sale of real property.



The Church Building

All of our church buildings and property are mortgage-free. Our first completed brick building now houses the pastor's study, office, two classrooms, library, nursery and restrooms on the first floor. On the second floor is our fellowship hall, with table seating for up to 120, a fully-equipped kitchen, classroom and restroom. A lift to the second floor was added in 2019.



~Original Building ~



~The Nursery ~



~The Youth Classroom ~



~ The Fellowship Hall ~

Our sanctuary is a beautiful brick structure with stained-glass windows which seats 200-300. It is diamond shaped with the pulpit and chancel area at the point allowing the seating to be closer. The building is fully air conditioned with adjustable lighting, sound system equipped to handle a praise band, audio control booth and computer graphics center, and cameras for livestreaming to the Internet. The baptistry is behind the chancel area and is accessible from two dressing rooms with restrooms. At the back of the sanctuary and separated by a glass wall is the narthex/lobby where we visit with one another prior to and following services.



~ The Sanctuary ~



~ The Sanctuary ~



~ The Audio/Video Control Center and Sanctuary ~



~ The Sanctuary ~

Trinity Baptist Church is located on a four-and-one-half acre corner lot facing a major street. We have a cemented parking lot for forty-five cars and a secondary parking area for overflow. The property includes a playground area and picnic shelter.





~ The Picnic Shelter ~

The Parsonage

The church owns a parsonage on the property that is rented out to a group home. Therefore, a housing allowance is provided as part of the compensation package for the pastor.

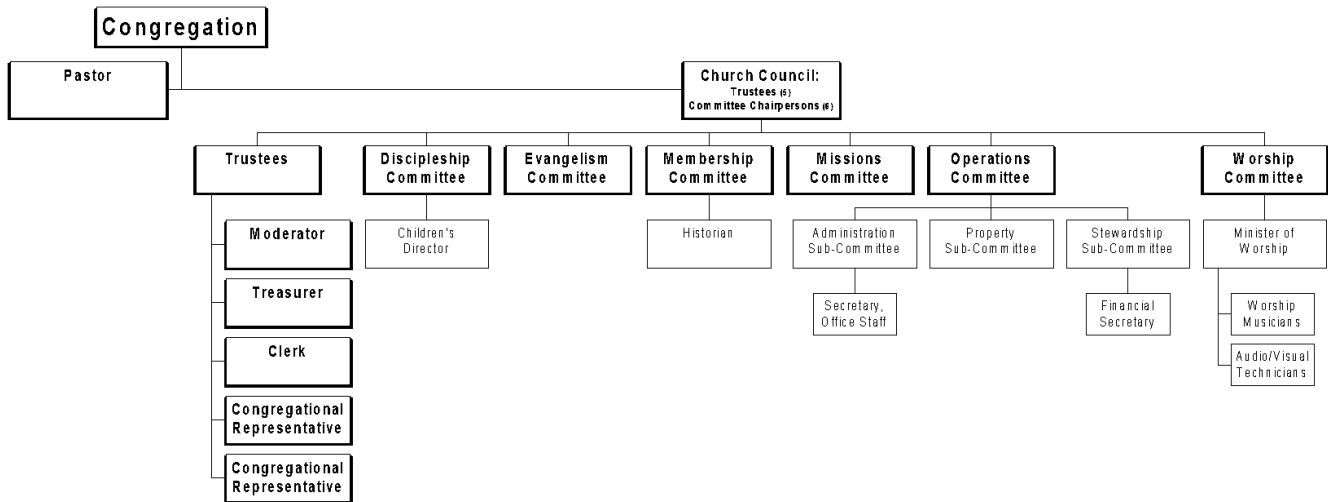


~ The Parsonage – Front View ~



~ The Parsonage – Rear View ~

Organizational Structure



The Senior Pastor

The Pastor shall be the spiritual guide and counselor to the church family and community and shall be completely trustworthy with all confidences. In addition, the Pastor must work closely with the Church Council and Committee Chairpersons, encouraging the congregation to become actively involved in the church as well as community outreach efforts. Building a sense of community within the congregation and taking an active leadership role with the youth are both priorities of the Pastor. The Pastor’s ministries are described in the church document entitled, “Responsibilities and Expectations of Senior Pastor.”

The Church Council

The Church Council’s purpose is to support the pastor and help Trinity to execute its vision. It is responsible for the general oversight and management of all activities of the church, both in spiritual and temporal affairs and has supervision and guidance over all other committees.

The Church Council carries out its work through the following committees: Discipleship, Evangelism, Membership, Missions, Operations, and Worship.

Discipleship Committee

Purpose: Encourage all people toward spiritual maturity. The Discipleship Committee shall be responsible for the entire educational program of the church.

Evangelism Committee

Purpose: Community outreach, visitation evangelism, special evangelistic programs, and interchurch relations.

Membership Committee

Purpose: Fellowship and membership conservation

Missions Committee

Purpose: Local and worldwide missions outreach.

Operations Committee

Subcommittee: Administration

Purpose: Supply and maintain the office and “business” administration necessary to support Trinity’s ministries.

Subcommittee: Property

Purpose: Supply and maintain the physical resources necessary to support Trinity’s ministries.

Subcommittee: Stewardship

Purpose: Provide for the financial resources necessary to support Trinity’s ministries.

Worship Committee

Purpose: Bringing people closer to God through our worship experiences and providing resources for worship services.

Ministries

Sunday School - We offer four different classes at this time, divided by ages. They are Pre-K, K-5, Youth, and Adults. Classes added as needed for age groups.

Nursery - Our nursery is open during every service for any child up through kindergarten. It is staffed by an adult volunteer from our congregation.

Ladies Bible Study - The Bible Study meets on Thursday mornings. It is a close group of women who support each other and love each other.

Wednesday Night Bible Study - The Bible Study meets Wednesday nights. It is lead by the Pastor or a volunteer. The Participants are adults of all ages.

First Friday Fun Nights - It’s like a mini VBS! On the evening of the first Friday of every month during the school year, kids ages 4-12 will go to the sanctuary for our opening session with music, dancing, and an overview of the theme of the night. Then, they will go to the Fellowship Hall for pizza, chips, veggies, fruit, a cookie, and lemonade. Afterwards, groups will move between different fun stations where they will be making crafts, hearing a Bible story, and playing games. They will end the night with our closing session in the sanctuary.

Helping Hands Women’s Ministries - This group meets monthly for the purpose of

completing mission projects and for fellowship. They support international and state projects of the American Baptist Women's Ministries as well as local community mission projects such as collecting school supplies, making favors for local hospitals, nursing homes, schools and Meals On Wheels, and supporting local organizations such as the men's homeless shelter Refuge of Hope. In addition, they share in a Love Gift Offering which goes to help our International Missionaries. All women are invited to participate in Helping Hands Ministries.

Wednesday Night Kid's Study - This is our Wednesday night program for children grades kindergarten through 5th. Each week the children learn about God and the Bible, engage in fun activities and games, and have crafts to help them remember the lessons of the Bible. This is in tandem with the adult Bible study.

Praise Team - The purpose of the Praise Team is to lead God's people in worship through the ministry of music. The Praise Team sings and plays to praise and glorify God, to encourage believers, and to lead people to a moment of truth with Jesus Christ through praise and worship music.

The Praise Team leads the praise and worship and participates in various church and community worship events. The Contemporary Praise Band typically consists of two guitars, keyboard, drums, bass guitar, and two/three vocalists. Hymns are also lead during service. The Praise Team is supported by an Audio Technician, Video Technician, and Streaming Technician. As a relatively small church, Trinity doesn't have a large talent pool from which to choose musicians. Our Praise Band is exceptional for our church size – our Praise Band rocks!

Tech Teams - Members of the Technical Teams provide technical support to the Worship Ministry and many other ministries. They ensure that the audio/visual needs for worship services and special events are met. They do the job as a service to the Lord, to serve the congregation / attendees, and to serve the speakers or performers.

Audio Technician - It is the sound system operator's job to mix the sound and volume to enhance the worship experience for the listeners by making sure that the words can be heard and understood.

Video Technician - The Video Technician's job is to visually enhance the worship experience without introducing distraction. The Video Technician designs, creates and controls the projection of songs, sermon notes, images, movies, and other digital media, mainly utilizing ProPresenter worship presentation software.

Internet Live-Streaming Technician – The live stream technician's job is to broadcast and record the ongoing church worship to share with others on Facebook and YouTube. They design thumbnails for the stream every Sunday and control 2 PTZ cameras and one stationary camera. They also simultaneously create a live presentation for viewers to experience the church worship from home.

We are utilizing technology to communicate effectively with members, visitors, and seekers.

Trends Newsletter – A monthly newsletter is assembled and sent out each month, mostly by email. It contains information concerning the upcoming month as well as church updates.

Website - Our website addresses are www.TrinityBaptistNorthCanton.com, www.tbcnc.org, and www.TrinityBaptistNorthCanton.org, which all point to the same web information.

Facebook - Trinity is publicly on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Trinity-Baptist-Church-North-Canton-Ohio-178109152226200/.

Often, Trinity's Facebook page is the first introduction to visitors seeking worship times or a look at our church. Our weekly services are live-streamed to this platform for those joining us electronically. (Only 29% of the current Facebook viewers are in our geographical area, therefore we are reaching many people who we would never engage with physically in North Canton.) It serves as an information portal for members needing event times or program updates, as well as a tool for outreach to the community. It has even provided us with a mission opportunity through contact with Trinity Baptist Church in Eldoret, Kenya where we have communicated via emails and supported Pastor Joe and his church with medical supplies, clothing, and financial support.

We also utilize a private Facebook page as a place for prayer, support, and discussion that helps us to stay connected and to grow stronger with one another and in our faith.

Facilities - Trinity opens its doors to many community groups. Our Fellowship Hall can be rented for gatherings (birthday, shower, etc.) and the Church is available as a venue for weddings (both are offered at a reasonable charge). We also allow the community to schedule use of our picnic pavilion. Our playground area is always available to the public. When we have an outdoor event, we invite the neighboring residents to join us in a more informal setting. We see this as a form of service, as well as an opportunity for outreach.



The Meaning Behind the Trinity Baptist Church Logo

CIRCLE – Eternity, and where we as Christians will spend it (Heaven). God, the Alpha and Omega, no beginning or end.

JAGGED EDGES – Our imperfect lives and our need for a Savior.

CROSS – God’s grace, and our salvation through Christ’s sacrifice.

FISH – Our Christian family, as the symbol was used to identify believers after Christ returned to the Father. Our mission: “To lead people into a growing relationship with Christ;” to be fishers of men.

FISH SURROUNDING CROSS – Our need to keep our lives Christ-centered; to have a personal relationship with Christ, and to have Him dwell within us.

“BRUSH-STROKE” STYLE – Our recognition of God as Creator.

RED – Christ’s bloodshed as atonement for our sins.

BLACK – The depth of our sin borne by Christ upon the cross.

GOLD – The precious treasure we have in Christ and His teachings. The “Golden Rule”: “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you”. “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind. And, love your neighbor as yourself.”