



Hello Ladies!!

Some of you may know the end of 2023 was really rough for our family. We lost my father-in-law the day before Christmas Eve, my great-aunt 5 days later, and my mother-in-law the day after that. We were numb, sad, overwhelmed by all the practical things that needed to be handled, and the emotions kept coming in waves. This all took place while I was training in a new job, had an upper respiratory infection, and hosted Christmas Eve for my large family. To say the ending of 2023 was rough would be an understatement!

Romans 5:3-5 says, 'But we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts, through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.' God is so good... He carried us through our season of mourning and revealed to me how the timing of both of my in-laws' deaths were divinely orchestrated by Him. (I already know His plans are perfect, but I am so glad He helped me see the practical parts of it.) My father-in-law passed when each of his children was surrounded by their immediate families for the holiday. My mother-in-law passed the day after his funeral, which meant nobody had to make tough decisions about her long-term care. I trust God's timing!!! The support of my fellow women's ministry team members, our home group & other family & friends was amazing and so very helpful. Our home group whipped up delicious meals so that would be one less thing on my plate (well actually one more thing on our plate, because we would probably have eaten cereal if we ate at all... lol). Others stepped in and helped with some of my responsibilities for the women's team. They prayed for me and WITH me. They helped shoulder my burdens & for that, I am so very grateful to be part of such a caring and loving church family! Isn't that what we are called to do? Love God & love others! They are truly walking out that phrase. Whether you've experienced the same type of loss or not, you can likely recall a time when you walked down a similar path. Maybe you had that type of support... maybe you didn't. Based on our experiences, we learn either how we want to be or how we don't want to be. Our stories do not have to be exact for us to feel a connection, have compassion, grow our faith, and for God to speak to us. We really are Better Together!

This is your personal invitation to our Tea & Testimonies on March 10, where you'll hear how God has worked and is working in the life of one of our youth as well as a more seasoned lady in our church body. I can assure you that you'll leave with a happy tummy and a full heart, encouraged in your faith, seeing how God can take our trials and turn them into testimonies!

Love in Christ,
Tara Ivey



Tea and Testimonies

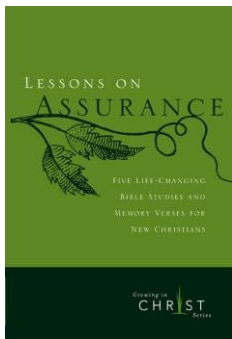
If you are thinking about attending the tea, [please sign up today](#)!! We invite our Trinity women, young ladies (7th grade and up) and their guests to join us for *Tea and Testimonies* on Sunday, March 10, at two o'clock in the afternoon. *Miss Ruby Busenitz* and *Mrs. Abby Shields* will be sharing stories with us from their personal journeys with the Lord. Think about who you might invite to join you for this special occasion! It is going to be a very special afternoon!! The cost is \$6 for all who attend. Please sign up [HERE](#) or in the foyer **by March 3**.



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Discover Trinity: March 3 4-7PM

If you are new to Trinity, we would love to invite you to a special evening where you can hear Trinity's story and discover the structure, beliefs, and strategy of our church. Come enjoy dinner and get to know some of the leadership of Trinity better as they share this information. We want to get together with you and help you find out how to become a member and get connected as part of the Trinity body! Please [sign up here](#) so we can plan for you!! Childcare is available. We hope to see you there!



Discipleship Opportunities

We are excited to offer a new opportunity that supports one of our core values here at Trinity Church: discipleship. Are you someone who is willing to help walk a new believer through the basics of their new life in Christ, but you are not sure exactly how to do it? Would you like an easy tool you could use in meeting with someone over 5 weeks, establishing them in the assurance of their salvation? If you would like to know more about this and be part of a discipleship ministry among our women, contact Mel Cook. (985-264-9485) She would love to show you this booklet with simple lessons that would help someone gain confidence in their new relationship with Jesus and His Word.

And if you are someone who would like to walk through this important, basic study of your young faith, contact Mel, and she can get you partnered up with one of our women!! This is such an important part of the work Jesus left for His disciples to do: go and make disciples. Give Mel a call! (985-264-9485)

"Between here and heaven, every minute that the Christian lives will be a minute of grace."
Charles Spurgeon



Living in Grace Women's Spring Retreat

It is time to register for *Living in Grace*, our spring weekend women's retreat!! We are bringing in not only a special speaker, Deedy Tripp, for this weekend but also an anointed, precious worship leader, Dawn Perry, to lead us in worship. It will be a very special weekend you do not want to miss. The retreat center is a beautiful facility that provides opportunities for times of worship, spiritual growth, rest, recreation, and just time away with other Trinity women. The retreat will be from **Friday evening through Sunday morning, April 12-14th.**



The total price for the weekend (2 nights, 5 meals, and snacks) is **\$125 per person**. There are a few king rooms with adjacent private bathrooms and bunk rooms where we will sleep in bunk beds...summer camp style!! There will be a slight additional cost for the king rooms (contact Lee for information). Registration is now open ([CLICK HERE](#)) or you can pick up a retreat flyer this weekend for more info!!

Last year's retreat was amazing, we think all who attended would agree. Please consider joining us to make this year's retreat even better!! Grab a flyer and read all the details!! We do hope to see *you* there!



Ladies Crafting Fellowship

This month's crafting Saturday is **March 16**, and the featured craft will be hanging solar lanterns! Babette's newsletter ([CLICK HERE](#)) gives ALL of the details and includes some great pictures from last month's paper-flower-making gathering. Check out the details and remember you can come and go as it works for you between 9AM and noon. It's also a great time to bring a friend!! Hope to see you there!



Please Pray for One Another

- Wanda Skinner continues her cancer battle with faith and courage.
Please continue to pray for her and her family.
- Please pray for the Lord to be honored and for all attendees to grow in their relationship with Him through the Tea & Testimonies and our Living in Grace retreat.



March Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all of you amazing women!! May you feel valued and loved by those around you and especially by the Father. Oh how He loves YOU and made you uniquely YOU!!

🌸 2 Danielle Boudreaux
🌸 3 Louise Woods
🌸 9 Robin Paz
🌸 10 Joni Boudreaux
🌸 11 Gabrielle Clark
🌸 11 Brenda Eike
🌸 13 Abby Shields

🌸 16 Faye Chauvin
🌸 17 Sarah Busenitz
🌸 17 Beverly Lilly
🌸 20 Kristen Coate
🌸 21 Susanne Wold
🌸 22 Christina Duncan
🌸 25 Dorothy Vince

Below, once again, you will find the contact info for the Trinity Women's Leadership Team. We are here to serve you and to encourage you. If you need prayer or meals or help in any kind of way, or if you would just like to meet for coffee...please reach out. We are better together, y'all. 😊

We are so happy to be serving the women of Trinity Church!
Lee Manguno (985-630-8497) Kim Edwards (985-960-1884)
Tara Ivey (504-559-8700) Connie Lopez (985-705-5452) Chelsey Meyer (985-285-7322)
Dorothy Vince (985-590-2694) Charity Humphries (985-246-8007)