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**We hope you have a Happy New Year and Best Wishes and Many Blessings for 2017.
The Staff of Trinity Baptist Church**

Financials for December 4, 2016 - December 18, 2016

Offerings Received YTD	Budget Need YTD
\$232,351.15	\$288,540.15

Our Church Staff:

**Alex Kinchen
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Trinity Trumpet Newsletter

January

Sounding out the Good News!



It's amazing that 2017 has arrived! 2016 went by so fast and it seems like the more birthdays I have, the faster life moves! I pray that Christmas for you, your friends, and family was amazing! Hopefully, you came away with some new memories that will carry you far into your future. As we enter 2017, there are so many opportunities to serve together and grow in our understanding of how to live the gospel. First, we need to avoid the Holiday Hangover. No, I'm not referencing a Christmas version of the movie series, nor is that to suggest you partied too hard ringing in the New Year. It means that following any celebration in which we invest time, energy, and resources, there can be a let-down once it's over. Sometimes, after taking down the Christmas decorations and putting the tree back in storage, we can find ourselves in a fog of sorts. We try to take a deep breath and rest for a few minutes. Yet, at the same time, we see the need to regain some energy and momentum to begin the New Year with impact! January holds as much reason to celebrate as December because we have the same amazing opportunity to live for God's glory.

So, let me offer a suggestion on how to get over the Holiday Hangover and run (instead of sleepwalk) into 2017. Look for a place to serve someone else. You can do that at Trinity because there's always a place to serve. If tech is your thing, we can train you to be part of our tech team and make the weekend experience awesome. If you love showing hospitality, then Meals on Wheels could be your ticket to serving like Jesus and we can plug you into that ministry. You like working with kids? Students? We've got a ministry for that as well.

But there's also opportunities outside of Trinity as well. There are amazing service organizations (both faith-based and civic) where you can show the compassion of Christ to someone who needs to know what that looks like. Or, come up with your own way to serve. Collect coats or gloves and hand them out. Make up "Blessings Bags" with items that you can hand to less fortunate people whom you find standing at busy traffic intersections. The chances are there to serve someone else; just take advantage of them! Let the Holiday Hangover be in your spiritual rear-view mirror and let 2017 be a year that you change someone's situation and allow God's name to be famous as a result!

In Christ,
Alex Kinchen

What a year this has been! We have so much to be thankful for in the life of Trinity!

First, I want to thank all of the actors, actresses, musicians, technicians, prop makers, and backstage helpers that allowed our first full musical, "A Christmas to Remember" to come to life! You all really blessed our church and community with this Christmas musical. So thank you, thank you, thank you!

Next, I want to take some time to thank the many volunteers in our student ministry. We are so blessed to have such a great team of adult and young adult leaders who lead our students week in and week out. The investment that these leaders make will have an eternal impact. So thank you so much for giving of your time and resources to plant seeds in the lives of our students.

Our children's ministry is an area of our church that we have so much to be thank for with our volunteers. There is a team of leaders who have stepped up this past year to guide the hearts and minds of our children. They have given so much time and energy to shape the spiritual foundations of our 1st - 5th grade students. So thank you for standing in the gap for our children.

As we come to a close of another year, let us remember the great things God has done this year. Then as we look forward to 2017, we must continue to look toward God for guidance and hope in the new year. Kellie and I wish you all the best on this journey into 2017!

Happy New Year!
Shawn



Happy, Happy New Year from the Preschool Department! Here's to new adventures, new opportunities, new learning experiences and new knowledge of our wonderful God. The children are playing and repeating and applying everything they are being taught. It is a wonderful opportunity for any volunteers to spend some time with the smallest of our congregation.

As usual, the invitation is always open, we welcome anyone who is looking to spend some time with our little ones during the worship service. If you would like to volunteer for a Sunday, just let me know and I'll find a place for you!

Because we are a busy church, it's important to keep an eye on the bulletins for any and all worship opportunities. The preschool is always available.

See you at my gate GeorgeAnn

