

Trinity Church Annual Meeting

August 23, 2026

Ballots mailed in early August

Meeting held during both worship service hours

**“I approve the 2026-2027
budget of \$1,019,000.”**

“I approve the 2026 edits to Trinity’s Constitution per our Elder Team.”

- Constitutional edits—procedural not doctrinal
- Primarily dealing with our adherence to the “Baptist Faith and Message”
- Senior Pastor (affiliation)
- Communion
- Trinity’s current doctrinal statement
- Legal name remains “Trinity Baptist Church” in the edited constitution

**Per our edits in this matter,
the Constitution will be amended from:**

“Trinity is organized as an independent, autonomous, and self-governing church. We will maintain our voluntary affiliation with the Southern Baptist Convention, and churches of like faith and practice to fulfill the Great Commission.”

To:

“Trinity is organized as an independent, autonomous, and self-governing church who voluntarily affiliate with churches of like faith and practice. Trinity will continue to reflect her Baptist heritage and doctrine as we endeavor to fulfill the Great Commission.”

forgiveness

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Jesus' Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

Matthew 18:21–35

The inquiry...a timeless issue (18:21–22)

(Should I forgive?? I don't want to be a doormat!)

Then Peter approached him and asked, "Lord, how many times must I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? As many as seven times?"

The inquiry...a timeless issue (18:21–22)

Observations about forgiveness

1. It has to do with personal pain: *“Shall I forgive my brother or sister...”*
2. It will stretch me beyond my limit: *“As many as seven times?”*

The story...the unforgiving servant (18:23–34)

Revealing the true nature (vv. 23–27)

1. Of God—He is just

“The king began to settle accounts...”

And He is merciful

“The master of that servant had compassion, released him, and forgave him the loan.”

2. Of me—I am soooo sinful

“One who owed ten thousand talents...”

3. Of forgiveness—likened to cancelling a debt, releasing from what is owed

“The master...forgave him the loan.”

The story...the unforgiving servant (18:23–34)

Revealing the obligation to forgive (vv. 28–34)

1. Becoming a habitual forgiver: *“Seventy times seven...”*
2. Ignoring the obligation: *“But he wasn’t willing...”*
3. Suffering the consequences: *“His master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured ...”*

The application...

“Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors...” (18:33–35)

“‘Shouldn’t you also have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And because he was angry, his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured until he could pay everything that was owed. So also my heavenly Father will do to you unless every one of you forgives his brother or sister from your heart.”

Take-aways for today

1. You are never more Christlike...
2. You are never more free...

it's time to

ask
anything

