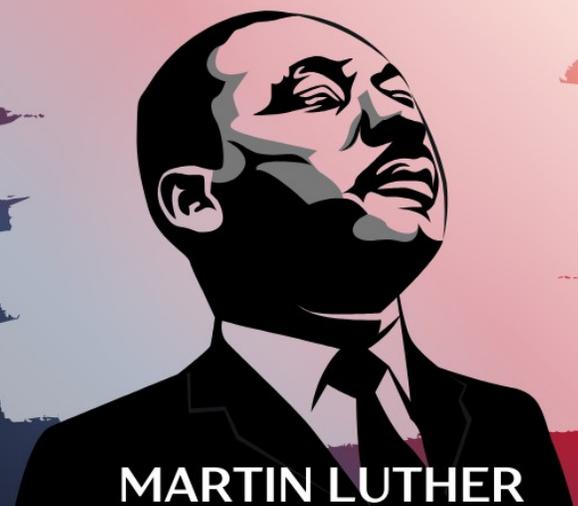


The Olin T. Binkley Memorial Baptist Church

January 2026
Newsletter

THE BEACON

Chapel Hill,
North Carolina



**MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR. DAY OF
SERVICE**

JANUARY 19TH

January 2026

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[Events/Facilities Calendar](#)

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Changes in the Business Office

Meet our new Financial Administrator: Sean Allen



Sean was raised in Austin, Texas where he attended the University of Texas. After earning a BBA and MPA, he attended George W. Truett Theological Seminary where he met his spouse, Jamie, and they both earned a Master of Divinity. Prior to his work in financial administration, Sean spent over twenty years in congregational ministry, most recently as Senior Pastor of a Greystone Baptist Church in Raleigh. When he is not cheering for his Texas Longhorns, Sean enjoys playing golf and tennis, community theater, watching sports, and spending time with his spouse and their three children: Avery, Hannah, and Max.



Introducing Our New Finance Coordinator: Karin Mills

Binkley Church is pleased to share an update regarding our business office. As part of an ongoing transition in our administrative structure, Karin Mills has stepped into the role of Finance Coordinator.

Karin will work closely with our outside accountant (Sean Allen) to ensure that the church's financial processes continue to run smoothly and transparently. Her responsibilities will include assisting with financial reporting, coordinating routine accounting tasks, and supporting the overall stewardship of Binkley's resources.

We are grateful for Karin's willingness to serve the congregation in this important capacity and for the expertise and care she brings to the role.

If you have questions or need to contact Karin regarding financial matters, she can be reached at business@binkleychurch.org.



The Move to Tithely

On January 1, 2026, we are officially moving to Tithely Giving. Tithely Giving is an easy-to-use platform that will allow you to give online and on your phone. You can make both one-time and recurring gifts, give with a credit/debit card or ACH transaction (your bank) and even Cover the Fees (which will help your gift go even farther!) Here's How to Get Started with Tithely. Note: If you have recurring gifts set up with our current system, make sure to cancel any recurring payments before moving forward with Tithely!

Option 1: Give on the Tithely Giving App

1. Download the Tithely App from the App Store (iPhone) or Google Play Store (Android). Once you've downloaded the app, search and select for Binkley. App Store: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/tithe-ly/id694740700> Google Play: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=ly.tithe.tithely&hl=en_US&pli=1
2. Since this is your first time giving with Tithely, you will be prompted to create an account that you can use for all future gifts. You will be asked for basic information like your email. You will also be asked to create a PIN.
3. The first time, you will also need to add your credit/debit card or other payment information like ACH/banking info.
4. Once your account has been created, you won't need to enter your personal or payment information. Just enter your PIN and give! To make this process even easier, you can also set up a recurring gift that will automate your regular giving.

Option 2: Give on Our Website.

Click on this link <https://binkleychurch.org/give/> to access a Giving Form on our church website.

But, What If I Want To Give With Cash or Check?

We will always accept gifts by cash, check, or other methods. However, if you regularly make donations in cash or with a check, please consider making the switch to digital giving! Online giving with Tithely makes it fast and simple to donate and reduces the amount of administrative labor we need to process your gifts in cash or with a check.

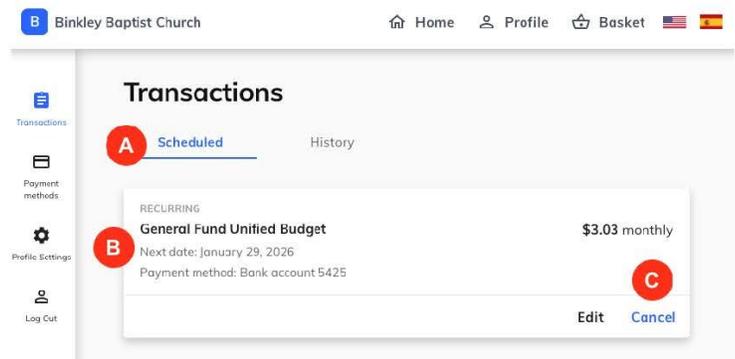
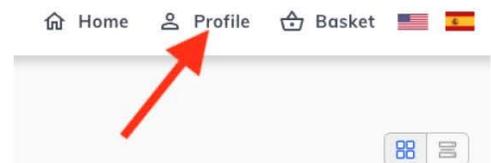
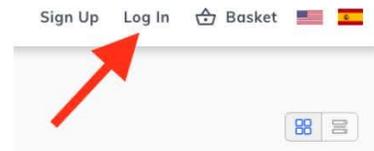
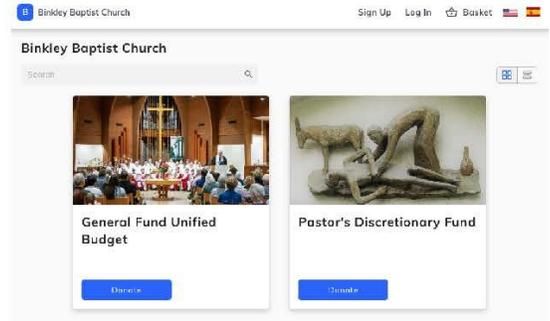
ASSISTANCE WILL BE AVAILABLE each Sunday in January, before and after worship, in the Gathering Grounds. Bring your cell phone and someone will assist you with getting setup on Tithely.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact Karin Mills, Finance Coordinator, business@binkleychurch.org, 919-942-4964.

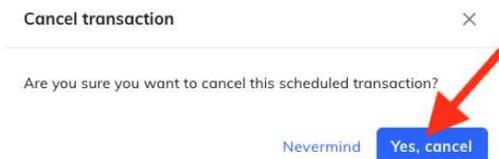


Canceling Recurring Credit Card and ACH Payments with Vanco

1. In a web browser, go to:
<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z36T/home>
2. Click the **Log In** link at the top right of the page. A new login window will appear and prompt you for your email address.
3. Enter your **Email** or choose an email address already listed. Click **Next**. You will be prompted to enter your password.
4. Enter your **Password** and click **Next**. You will be logged in to and returned to the Vanco Giving Page for Binkley Baptist Church.
5. Click the **Profile** link at the top right of the page. This will take you to the **Transactions** page. If the **Transaction** page does not appear, click the **Transactions** icon in the menu on the left side of the page.
6. From the **Transactions** page, complete the following:
 - A. Click on the **Scheduled** tab.
 - B. Your recurring payments will be listed and include the next payment date, the payment method, and amount, and frequency.
 - C. Click **Cancel**. A confirmation screen will appear asking, “Are you sure you want to cancel this scheduled transaction?”



7. Click the **Yes, cancel** button to cancel the scheduled recurring payment. You will be returned to the **Transactions** page.



If additional schedule payments are listed on the Transaction page, repeat steps 6 & 7 to cancel those additional scheduled payments.

The message “You have no scheduled transactions” will appear on the transaction page after all recurring transactions have been canceled.

After January 1, 2026, visit <https://binkleychurch.org/give/> and click on the Online option to set up a new recurring contribution to Binkley using Tithely Giving.

**A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION FOR FUN,
WOMEN'S COMMUNITY AND
CONNECTION! :**
**REGISTER FOR THE 2026 BINKLEY WOMEN'S
RETREAT**

**FRIDAY AFT. – SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 15-17, 2026 AT
THE BEACH! AT THE TRINITY CENTER, SALTER PATH NC**

After a wonderful and historic women's retreat in 2025 - celebrating the 40th anniversary of Binkley women's retreats - we return to the beach in 2026, to mark the beginning of the next 40 years of the ever-widening circle of our community of Binkley women and friends.

Costs: Single Room: \$310 Double Room: \$270 Triple Room: \$270 (same as double) Costs include 2 nights and all meals from dinner Friday through breakfast Sunday. Bed Linens & Bath Towels Provided.

To reserve your spot, a \$50.00 Non-Refundable Deposit is due by Friday, March 27, 2026.

Final Payment for all Retreat Costs due April 17, 2026

A registration form – both in print and online – will be available soon.

Scholarship Donations Welcomed and Needed! – Each year, there are women who attend our retreats thanks to the financial support of others in their Binkley community. Join this generous group of Binklers! Checks are payable to Binkley Baptist Church with Women's Retreat Scholarship in the memo.

Thanks to those women who already have volunteered to serve on the retreat planning team. More voices are needed! - women who enjoy idea-storming, program planning and playing, music, art, communication, hospitality, publicity and more. **If you would like to serve on the retreat planning team**, contact Susan Rogers at susan@binkleychurch.org



**Winter Games, Puzzles and
Conversations**

Wednesday, January 14, 10:00 a.m.

**Fellowship Hall. Bring a favorite game or
puzzle, and enjoy coffee and hot
chocolate as we reconnect with our
Binkley friends.**

Say it with Flowers

Sign up to provide flowers for the communion table

2026 Sign Ups are NOW available.

Sign Up Here: <https://tinyurl.com/4hwsbz6y>, email Janet O'Neal at joneal23@nc.rr.com or scan the QR code below.

Celebrating an occasion?
Honoring a loved one?



Advent Fun!





Binkley Senior Adult Ministry Updates From Diane Eubanks Hill, Minister with Senior Adults



Your Senior Adult Planning Team offers several events in the new year:

Aging in Community - This Thursday, January 8, 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel. We're invited to gather to reflect on the holidays and to consider the coming year. Drop in's are welcome. See April Kemper, aek913@gmail.com for more information.

Winter Games, Puzzles and Conversations, Wednesday, January 14, 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall. Bring a favorite game or puzzle, and enjoy coffee and hot chocolate as we reconnect with our Binkley friends.

Interactive Workshop: Thou Shalt Not Fall! Thursday, February 12, 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall. Binkley's own Physical Therapist Tonya Hamm demonstrates stretches and exercises for building strength and increasing balance. Wear comfortable clothing.

Our next Planning Team meeting is January 26.



All events offered by Binkley's Senior Adult Ministry are open to anyone interested, no matter the age. Questions? Contact a Planning Team Member (Tonya Hamm, Buck Horton, April Kemper, Denise Laux, Craig Meisner, Elizabeth Perry, Betty Prioux, Sheryl Scrimsher, or Diane Eubanks Hill, Minister with Senior Adults, diane@binkleychurch.org).

Please also note this upcoming retreat opportunity offered by Binkley member Cate Alexander. Cate is a spiritual companion/director and contemplative group leader.

Elder Spirituality: the Possibilities of Now
Elders of all ages, you are invited to gather together in conversation and for periods of silence to explore this time in life and your wishes for time ahead. From Jan. 31-Feb. 1, a group of us will gather for an overnight retreat at Peace Hill at Avila in Durham, where we'll look over the arc of our spiritual lives, deeply encounter the place of now, and pay attention to the call of the years ahead. For more information on this retreat, co-facilitated by Binkley member Cate Alexander and spiritual guide and life celebrant Mary Kay Glazer, please see this link. <https://peacehillavila.org/event/elder-spirituality/>



Children and Youth

Claire Dillashaw

Director of Children and Youth Ministries

Children:

Children's Church School: The Chipmunks (infants through preschool) meet each week in the nursery, and the Bluejays (K-5th) meet in the Sunroom at 9:45 each Sunday.

Save the date for **March 6-8!** We will be joining with some other churches from the Triangle for **Camp with Friends**. This will be held at Camp Agape in Fuquay-Varina. All 2 graders- 5 graders are invited! There will be much more information to come soon.

Youth:

Youth Church School: Each Sunday at 9:45 we will gather in the Youth Room for **Donuts and Discussion**.

Progressive Pals: The second Sunday of every month, we join with youth from other congregations at Atomic Empire in Durham for games and fellowship.

Youth Volunteers Wanted! We would love to have more folks join us in the Youth Room on Sunday mornings, either as teachers or as second adults. Reach out to Claire if you would like to talk more about training and scheduling.

Tree of Warmth

Through January 26th
Bring new or gently used coats, hats, gloves, scarves, mittens, socks, and blankets to decorate the tree in the Narthex

Donations will go to the Caring & Sharing Center at St. Thomas More, and will be given to people who need them.

JANUARY

Happy Birthday and/or Anniversary!

Everyone is invited to join us to celebrate in the Gathering Grounds space 01/11/2026 after worship!

Sign up to receive the Binkley Kids newsletter [here](#), and youth updates [here](#), or by emailing claire@binkleychurch.org

SERVICE PROJECT INFORMATION COMING SOON



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JANUARY 19TH



Binkley Walkers Unite! The Annual Crop walk is announced, so mark your calendars. In addition to attending, please register with your team using this link: : <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/event/chapelhillnc> and search for our team name, Binkley Walkers to register and even start a donation. Get lots of people to sign up as we wish to be a big team walking and talking together as we walk. And of course, donations go to the Church World Service and the Interfaith Council.

JUSTICE FOR ALL VIGIL

Join us to affirm the members of our beloved community - Black and Brown, LGBTQ, Immigrant, Refugee, and Palestinian lives under attack.

Saturday 01/24/25
12-1PM

1712 Willow Dr.
Chapel Hill, NC

BINKLEY
BAPTIST
CHURCH

DREAMING BIG



39TH ANNUAL

CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO CROP HUNGER WALK

SUNDAY, MARCH 22
2:30PM

CARRBORO TOWN COMMONS

Each year our walk raises funds to support the instrumental work of Church World Service & the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service to fight hunger around the world and right here in our community.

JOIN US!

 chapelhillcarrborocropwalk@gmail.com

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"Sojourners," a class dedicated to topical-biblical-theological-political issues which are contemporary and timely for robust conversation and discussion; facilitated by Marcus McFaul. Meets on the stage area of the Fellowship Hall.

Mindful Parenting - At each weekly meeting in the Chapel, the class discusses ideas about parenting from current resources. Novice and experienced parents and caregivers – all are welcome. Ty Hagler facilitates this class.

Understanding and Reflecting on the Liturgical Year – The class will engage in a slow read and discussion of the 52 meditations by Diana Butler Bass in her just released book, *A Beautiful Year*. This class will meet again on January 11th.

Please join us...
Six Needs of Mourning Course

6 consecutive Sundays starting Jan 18th, 2026
Church Library

9 am

Sundays January 18- February 22, 2026

This Grief Group will meet at the library for a couple of hours each Sunday for six weeks to explore **Dr. Alan Wolfelt's work on Six Needs of the Mourner** with **Chaplain Stacy Gunter**, a M. Div. seminary student. Be in touch with any questions: stacy.gunter@unitedseminary.edu or 919-257-3766. No book required, just bring a journal!

Church in Conference

Sunday, January 25th after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall.



Inquirer's Conversation

In the Lounge
January 24th

10AM - 2PM

Lunch provided

Are you interested in formally uniting as a member at Binkley? Curious about our history as well as learning more about our mission and ministries? Then this half-day session is for you!

Please contact Marcus or the office to sign up for the class

marcus@binkleychurch.org
or office@binkleychurch.org

BIRTHDAYS

1	Enh Rocham, Dul Rahlan
2	Andrew Pike
4	Sally Molyneux, Karen Coletti
5	Yvonne Holt
6	Paulo Baumer
7	Jessica Stokes
10	Sybil Wagner
11	Mark Willhoit
14	Ed Davis
16	Kimberly Brewer

17	Erik Butler
21	Mike Ennis
22	Tom Hardiman
24	Christine Jernigan, Patrick McDonough
27	Curt McLaughlin
28	Phoenix Ambrister, Patrick Kinas
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ANNIVERSARIES

1	Alan Brown and Bok Haeng Baek
6	Rick Johns and Dennis Will
8	Kay and Bruce Pratt
17	Cindy Bucy and Wayne Anderson
26	Wendy and Phala Gellert

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JANUARY SUNDAY SCHEDULE

4	The Second Sunday of Christmas EPIPHANY SUNDAY
11	FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
18	Second Sunday after the Epiphany
25	THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Submit articles for the newsletter, Friday Update, or the Sunday bulletin to:

info@binkleychurch.org.

February Newsletter:

January 19th



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