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Time Begins!**

Sunday, March 12th

**Next Press Deadline**  
March 26, 2017

The season of Lent began on March 1st. Lent comes from an Old English word that means "the season of Spring" and refers to the 45 day period of time leading up to the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. In the protestant Christian tradition, Lent is a time for reflection and focus upon our relationship with Jesus. It is a season for recalling the events of the last week of Jesus' ministry – his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, the final observance of the Passover meal with his disciples, his arrest, trial and crucifixion, and his resurrection.



During this season of Lent, my Sunday messages will focus on prayer. Prayer is an essential part of our relationship with God because it is the means through which we connect with our Creator and experience deep, rich communion. Prayer begins with adoration, praise and thanksgiving. Adoration then moves us to repentance and confession of our sins. From there we can rightly enter into a conversation in which we speak to God about our needs and the needs of others and in which we listen to God with a humble heart, ready to respond in obedience. During this season of Lent I encourage you to find time – or make time – to focus in prayer.

I believe it is important for us to have this prayer focus because we are in a season of time in the life of Trinity Church that is very crucial to its future, and we must seek God's guidance and discover God's intentions for this future.

One element in this mix is that the Session, with permission from the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM), has approved hiring me as a  $\frac{3}{4}$  time provider of Pastoral Ministry Services. This means that beginning March 5th I will be able to supervise and support our staff team, give guidance to and work closely with the Session and ministry teams, work with the worship planning team, support the Deacons, and provide increased pastoral care.

The next step would be for the COM to approve an Interim Pastor for Trinity. I have asked to be considered for this role and the COM is evaluating and working on that request. Please pray for wisdom and discernment about this – for an outcome that will best serve Trinity.

So, please join me in praying for Trinity Church. Ask God to draw us closer to himself, to strengthen our resolve to trust in and honor our Lord Jesus, and to fill us with God's Holy Spirit so that we are led and given courage to follow our Lord into the future planned for us.

Pastor Jim

# KATIE BIANCHINI – LEARNING TO SERVE JESUS AND OTHERS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

*As Interim Missions/Outreach Director, Rebecca DeBreau receives updates on missionaries. She hopes to highlight missionaries who are part of this church directly and indirectly from time to time.*

*This month she would like to introduce you to Katie Bianchini. Kate is the granddaughter of Jim and Carolyn Baker. She is a senior at Lipscomb*

*University (a small Christian college) in Nashville, TN. The school has a department of missions, and various campus groups do short-term mission projects every year. She is on the cross country and track teams, and for the last several years, they have gone on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic (DR). The article below is from her latest adventure this past December.*

## From her newsletter:

**O**ur group and our college friends who live in Santiago, DR had walked around their neighborhood inviting everyone to a feast at the house. My team of five probably invited around 30 people and I imagine the other groups had done the same. However, we didn't know how many people to expect, so we prepared for 70 guests.

A little background on Dominican culture: nothing runs on time. Our dinner was supposed to start at 7:00 p.m., so we expected people to arrive around 8 p.m. When Glenn, our DR-based point-person, and I parked at the house at 6:40 p.m., we saw 30 adults and children in the yard already. We knew nothing would go as we had expected.

At seven o'clock, we began filling plates. I stood at the pot of beans, ladling generous scoops for the guests outside. Reports came in from servers that far more than 70 people had arrived. The serving line became hectic. "Go faster! There's lots of people to serve!" "How much rice should I put on each plate?!" "Is this already the last of the potato salad?"

Usually in situations like these (a) I feel stressed, (b) I get fearful that we won't have enough to go around, and (c), the big one - I take a vocal leadership role, directing traffic and calling shots. That day, not so. I was overwhelmed with a sense of peace.

I continued spooning the same amount of beans onto each plate, a gentle whisper saying to me, "Ask for exactly what you need and I will give you exactly enough." The stories in the Bible I'd just read danced through my mind. When I'd read them, I had thought they were pretty cool, but almost a little too good to be true. Nonetheless, I stood silently in the chaotic room, repeating to God, "We don't have enough food here. We need exactly enough."

I emptied the first pot of beans just as someone announced the arrival of a new crowd. "Exactly enough. We need exactly enough. Here's our problem, Lord. Take it in your hands." The room reeled. More panic, more questions. Servers flew in and out of the door as we blindly filled plates for the large crowd outside.



"We're out of plates and silverware." From somewhere, more appeared! I ladled the last scoop of beans into the bowl in my hands.

Suddenly.

"Stop. Everyone has food."

We looked at each other in utter surprise. We estimated, based on the number of cups we'd purchased, that we'd served 175-200 people. I still said nothing as my friends began celebrating. It's like I couldn't say anything ... and as a communication major, I've been trained not to be at a loss for words.

*This was taken from her newsletter, and was edited for brevity.*

## Learning & Growing in God's Word

**H**ere in Children's Ministry, we have had a blessed month of learning and growing in God's Word. This is an exciting time for us all, as we continue to develop and refine our ministry to welcome all our children.

I encourage all of you to come by and visit our Castle Room as we continue to display the work the children have been doing each month. The kids love to share their work and it's a great way for you all to get an idea of what the children have been learning.

Our Kidz C.L.U.B. program has had lots of fun! Even as the program draws to an end, we are continuing to have children sign up! Praise God in all His glory! Last month the children had so much fun inviting and celebrating their teachers for a Teacher Appreciation Dinner. We had a full house! Everyone enjoyed Live Music and each teacher received a single rose

and handmade gifts from their students. It was such a beautiful and wonderful event! A special "Thank you" to everyone who helped make it all possible!

This month Kidz C.L.U.B. comes to an end on March 22nd, but not before the kids have a fun day at the Park on March 8th. Any volunteers to drive and/or chaperon would be greatly appreciated. Please see/text/email me if you are interested.

On our final day of Kidz C.L.U.B. we will be having a Hawaiian Luau! Live Music, Hawaiian Dancers, a Feast and a special surprise performance from the children! Please come join us as we celebrate the children and their fun journey with us learning all about God's Love. Don't forget to dress in your best Hawaiian outfit!

Dinner Sign-up sheets for each Kidz C.L.U.B. night are in the Sanctuary and William's Hall to give us a better head count.



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## KIDZ C.L.U.B. Schedule for March

### **MARCH 8**

*Day at the Park*

Gonna fly a kite?

*MENU:*

Pizza at the Harry Griffith Park  
NO DINNER IN WILLIAMS HALL!

### **MARCH 15**

*Saint Patrick's Day*

Wear Green!

*MENU:*

Enchiladas • salad • dessert

### **MARCH 22 - LAST NIGHT**

*Parent's Night*

A Hawaiian Luau with Live Music and a surprise performance by the children

*MENU:*

Teriyaki Chicken • salad •  
Pineapple Upside Down Cake

### **EXOTIC PLANT SOCIETY**

The Exotic Plant Society will be meeting on Tuesday, March 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Any one interested in growing plants is invited to come. Call Julanna Loveberg at 619-466-2907 for more info.

## Faith in Action

**W**e are excited to launch the **Second Annual Trinity Christian School Serve-a-thon**. This event helps to exemplify our school motto, "*Academic Excellence – Faith in Action*". TCS will be hosting a mission's week from March 6th to March 10th. This year, as we consider missions around the world, our focus will be on the country of Mexico; specifically Tecate Christian School (Tecate Missions International) [www.tecatemission.org](http://www.tecatemission.org).



On March 10th, the students will actively serve their community with their class teams through the events listed at right. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring this event. The children are looking forward to putting their "faith into action" and making a difference in their world, their school and their community.

### "FAITH IN ACTION" CLASSROOM PROJECTS:

**Preschool:** Stuffed animals for Children's Hospital

**Kindergarten:** Blessing Bags for the homeless

**First Grade:** Letters to military through *Military Outreach Ministry*

**Second Grade:** Beach clean-up

**Third Grade:** Visit rest home to do crafts with residents, share snacks with them, and participate in a park clean-up

**Fourth Grade:** Trinity facility clean-up and projects

**Fifth Grade:** Work at "Feeding America" to sort food for distribution centers

**Sixth Grade:** Clean-up & projects at Indian Hills Christian Camp

**Seventh & Eighth Grade:** Going to Tecate Christian School (located on the United States side of the border) to meet students and work on projects to improve their facility

We are so grateful to God for His ongoing ministry of Trinity Christian School. Your participation in our Serve-a-thon helps keep our tuition costs low, aids in improvements and upgrades, and supports enrichment programs. This year we will use the funds raised to invest in our visual and performing arts program. Ten percent of the funds raised from the TCS Serve-a-thon will be donated to the Tecate Mission International for Tecate Christian School.



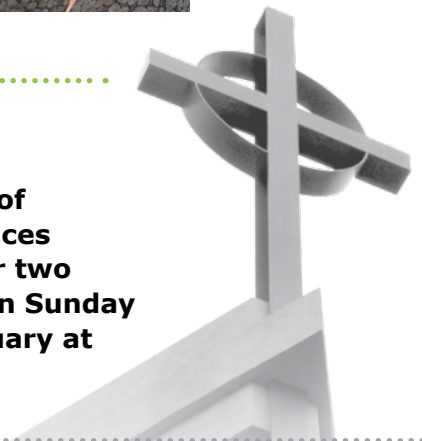
**Sharon Axe**  
*Principal*



**Jimmie Drummond**  
*Principal*

## Uniting as One

**Recently we have had several Sundays with one service. A number of you have expressed that you have been blessed by joining the services to worship together. With the approval of Session, we will bring our two services to worship as a unified church once a month on Communion Sunday for the next several months. We will worship together in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. on March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, and July 2.**



## Preparing for Easter

During the month of February, I have seen God's goodness continue. His love for us overwhelms me as I sit in the front office of Trinity Church, writing this article.

I worked on events for Easter this past month, and am constantly reminded of the incredible gift of Jesus - His life, His death and resurrection, and His ascension.

On Saturday, April 8th, Trinity Church is invited to help spruce up our grounds for Easter. We call this "Servolution", a time to gather to give our property a spring cleaning. A light breakfast will be served along with lunch.

We will also be putting together a Labyrinth in Williams Hall. A Labyrinth is a place of meditation on what Jesus did for us on the cross, in his resurrection,

and his ascension. It will begin Wednesday, April 11th and end April 14th, after the Good Friday service. The hours will be determined later. If you would like to help man the Labyrinth, please email me at the address listed at the end of this article

In addition, I will be working on various ways to let our community know what's happening for Easter on this hill.

I am creating three posters that will be placed in one of the cases in the quad area. One poster will introduce you to our Session and the areas for which each elder is responsible. The second poster will introduce our Deacon Board along with their responsibilities. The last poster will be of our Trinity Church Staff. I plan to have them up in the next couple of weeks.



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## Trinity Women's Retreat

**April 28, 29 & 30, 2017**

**Join us for a weekend of Bible study, praise, prayer, fun, food and more!**

**Speaker: Pam Ferrel**

**BE BRAVE!**

**Sign up in Williams Hall, between church services.**

**Pine Valley Bible  
Conference Center**

**Early Registration: \$140**  
(By March 26)

**Registration: \$150**

**Saturday Only: \$55**

**All money must be in by  
April 9, 2017**



## Clippers

**Saturday**

**March 18**

**Please join us on for our monthly program.**



Ples Felix from the Tariq Khamisa Foundation will be our speaker. The Tariq Khamisa Foundation (TKF) is a San Diego nonprofit with the mission to educate and inspire children in the restorative principles of accountability, compassion, forgiveness, peacemaking and support for safer schools and communities.

TKF was established in 1995 after Tariq Khamisa, a 20-year-old college student was killed by Tony Hicks, a 14-year-old gang member. Tony became the first child in California under the age of 16 to be convicted as an adult. He was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison. Believing there were "victims on both ends of the gun", Tariq's father, Azim Khamisa, reached out in forgiveness to Tony's grandfather, Ples Felix, to begin the process of healing; together they established TKF. Ples will share that inspiring journey.

We meet at 5:45 p.m. for a fantastic 6 p.m. potluck dinner. GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

Please contact Norma Mondeck or Julie Wolfe at 466-2367 for further information.

## Presbyterian Women

**Below is the February schedule for Presbyterian Women. Remember - ALL women who attend Trinity Church are members.**

**Mar.7** | 7-9:30 a.m. • Board Meeting • Ward Center

**Mar. 14** | The Gathering • Williams Hall

9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Linda Hensley

10:30 a.m. Short Business Meeting

11:00 a.m. **Urban Farming/**

**Organic Gardening**

*Presented by Don Axe*

12:00 p.m. Luncheon by Circle Three

**Mar. 21** | 9:30 a.m. • Crafts • Ward Center

6:00 p.m. • Circle 3 Bible Study

Debi Torres' home

**Mar. 28** | 9:30 a.m. • Circle 1 and 2 Bible Study

Jackie Van Dyne's home

Last Saturdays of the month in Ward Center

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. • Quilting

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### MILITARY OUTREACH MINISTRY:

From the Military Outreach Center (closed one day because of the rain) in February, there were 194 transactions made with the military families which included the distribution of 128 food bags and 303 bags of diapers. Four newborn layettes in gift bags were given. We now have bread distribution at Family Fleet and Service site in military housing two times a week along with a distribution within military housing at a volunteer's home.

Contributions of food are always needed and appreciated, as well as, new and gently used children's clothing. Please deposit these donations in the large black box in the breezeway outside of the kitchen.

Financial donations can be mailed to Military Outreach Ministry at : San Diego MOM • PO BOX 3030, La Mesa, CA 91944-3030. All gifts will be used locally. We are a 501 (c)3 charity. Call Michele Woodard 619 469-4598 or Cherie Klaiber for further information.

**H**ello Trinity Family: In January and February God has been good to us, and all of our financial obligations have been met, including our Missionary donations.

Working on the budget for 2017 has been the top priority for the Finance Committee since December. I am happy to say that, due to their hard work, we have submitted the projected budget to Session and it has been accepted and approved. I am extremely appreciative of the diligent work of the Finance Committee - Robert Hensley, Bob Klaiber, and Dave Van Dyne - over the last year and especially for this 2017 budget season. I also owe a debt of gratitude to Peggy Watkins and Jackie Van Dyne, for volunteering their time in

the Finance office every week, and our newest volunteer, Kathy Cronin, for adding her Audit and Finance expertise to our team.

It is only with their expertise, encouragement, vision, guidance, and heart for God’s work here at Trinity that I am able to function as your Finance Administrator. I appreciate all of you and thank you for all of your support in the financial matters of our church. Have a wonderful month church family, and may the God of mercy richly bless your lives.

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|                        | <b>January 2017<br/>Final</b> | <b>February 2017<br/>(As of 3/2)</b> | <b>Year to Date 2017</b> |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>BUDGETED INCOME</b> | \$32,762.76                   | \$32,762.80                          | \$65,525.56              |
| <b>ACTUAL INCOME</b>   | \$32,454.71                   | \$33,942.89                          | \$66,397.60              |
| <b>DIFFERENCE</b>      | <b>-\$ 308.05</b>             | \$ 1,180.09                          | \$ 872.04                |
| <b>CURRENT EXPENSE</b> | \$25,197.29                   | \$12,683.54                          | \$37,880.83              |
| <b>INCOME –EXPENSE</b> | \$ 7,257.42                   | \$21,239.55                          | \$28,516.77              |

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## FAMILY DINNER OUT

**Sunday | March 26  
6:00 p.m.**

### RANAS MEXICO CITY CUISINE

**9683 Campo Rd, Suite A  
Spring Valley, CA 91977  
at Conrad Dr in  
Spring Valley**

Check out their menu at  
[www.ranasrestaurant.com](http://www.ranasrestaurant.com)

We look forward to seeing  
you there. It's always a  
great time of fellowship!

## Coming in April

### **Sunday, April 1**

ONE Service at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

### **Saturday, April 8**

*Servolution* – 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (Lunch at noon)

### **Sunday, April 9**

*Palm Sunday*

### **Wednesday-Friday, April 12-14**

*Labyrinth*

### **Sunday, April 16**

*Easter Sunday – One service in the Sanctuary*

*Easter Egg Hunt – After Easter Service*

### **Sunday, April 23**

*Press deadline*

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