



Words from Our Pastor | Did We Get it Right?



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Isaiah 65: 17-18 *"See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy."*

I have been considering this thought lately. The idea is that we worry if we got it right.

When we face something about the Bible or God we cannot answer, or there is a difference in opinion, we often conclude, "We will find out when we get to heaven!" We believe that when we go to heaven, God will answer all our questions, all those we could not answer or figure out here on earth.

But is that necessarily going to happen?

The more I think about it, the more I do not believe this will happen. When

we get to sit in the total presence of God and experience his glory, majesty, and power in person, will we sit there with our score sheets and see how we did back on earth? Can you imagine? You are in the complete presence of grace, love, and majesty for eternity, and you got your theology 70 percent correct! That last part seems so unimportant against everything that heaven promises us.



Now, I am a pastor. My calling is to attempt as best I can to understand the truths of scripture and communicate those truths in preaching and teaching regularly. I would not be very good

at this calling if I got up every Sunday, threw my hands up, and said, "Does it all really matter?" Of course not, because that is untrue, also.

Our innermost desire is to know God more, to grow in knowledge, faith, and love in him. God created us to be in

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relationships, to grow in love and knowledge of one another and God. Desiring to understand God more is a good thing!

But as we all experienced at one time or another, God's thoughts and ways can be a mystery to us. We do not understand. We cannot comprehend. People seem to reach different conclusions than us. They perceive God in a way that seems foreign to us. The question for us is: what do we do when we hit those points?

Do we dig in and say they are wrong and we are right? Do we obsess over figuring out God,

determined to will an answer out of him? Or do we allow these times and moments for the all-knowing God to shape us? Maybe the mystery is that we must rely on God and not ourselves. Maybe that foreign viewpoint is just what we need to break through in a stale season of growth. Maybe, when we are face to face with God in heaven, that worry is not actually a big deal.

The truth is this: if you are a follower of Jesus Christ, you will be with him in the presence of God for eternity. Gladness and joy will be forever. May that be the thing we obsess over and treasure.

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From our Pentecost Picnic



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Children's Ministry | Learning about God's Love for Us

In May, we learned about God's "out of this world" power and love, using outer space as our example and exploring the book of Psalms. Using Psalm 147:4, which reads, "He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. (NIV)", we discussed how special each of us is that God formed us and created us with so much purpose. As we talked about this, we also talked about how much attention God has given to the stars in the sky, naming each one, and how much more meaningful we, his children, are. We made and gave names to our own stars as a craft for this week.

The following week, for Mother's Day, we learned about God's infinite love for us using Psalm 131:11,



"For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him. (NIV)". We made a delightful sugar scrub for our Mother's Day craft and created sweet cards for our moms that read, "I Love You to the Moon and Back."

On Pentecost Sunday, we learned about the Holy Spirit descending and how the disciples and apostles received the gift of the Holy Spirit. We also talked about the fruits of the Spirit.

What a fun-filled month we have had! We also welcomed some new friendly faces as we start to grow in our ministry!

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Congratulations! | Kya Taylor Graduates from High School

Megan Kya Taylor (Kya) will graduate from Foothills Christian High School on June 14, 2024. She participated in many activities at Foothills. Kya played volleyball, joined the school's first martial arts class, and made many great friends. She was in the school's production of "Women in Song," and helped with chapel worship. Kya will be graduating with honors. Lastly, Foothills Christian High School awarded her an accolade given to only 10 percent of the student body. It honors her for displaying faith in Christ, generosity, purity, chivalry, and friendliness.

Kya will be attending Chula Vista Christian University to continue her Christian education. She has not chosen a major but knows that God will help her make those decisions.

Kya started attending Trinity Church as a baby when her father became worship leader at the first service. She attended Trinity Christian School from preschool through eighth grade. Kya appreciates all the support she has received from both Trinity Church and Trinity School over the years! Open to everyone who wants to attend, the Foothills graduation will be held at Foothills Church on June 14th at 4:00 p.m.



Trinity Christian School | Our Students Grow and Learn!

Serve-a-Thon Success: Students Shine as Principals for a Day!

As a special reward for their outstanding fundraising efforts during the Trinity Christian School (TCS) Serve-a-Thon, we gave the four top-earning students the unique opportunity to step into the shoes of our school principal for a day. Our distinguished student principals were Dylan Estrada, Mila Lopez, Jaxon Feldmann, and Aiden Nunez.

Our young leaders experienced the many facets of being a principal. They visited classrooms, granted extra recess time, indulged in doughnuts, engaged in coloring activities, and made major school announcements. This experience was an enriching opportunity for the students to learn about leadership and service within our school community.

Rolling into Fun: The Annual Mother/Son Event

The annual Mother/Son Event at TCS is always a highlight of the school year. An outing to the local roller skating rink was no exception. The evening

was a delightful blend of fun, music, bonding, and creating lasting memories for everyone involved. Mothers and sons arrived at the rink, ready for a night of skating under dazzling lights to an energetic soundtrack. Smiles and joyful moments filled the roller rink as mothers and sons enjoyed each other's company in this lively setting.

As the night drew to a close, it was clear that this event had been a tremendous success, celebrating the unique bond between mothers and their sons.

Science Fair Triumphs!

Our biennial Science Fair showcased the hard work and dedication of our seventh- and eighth-grade students. Under the expert guidance of Mrs. Joy Lopez, students spent months meticulously preparing their reports and data.

The highlight of the event was the judging and presentation days. A panel of outside judges critiqued and graded each project, providing valuable feedback to our budding scientists. Congratulations to all participants for their

Principals for a Day



Mother/Son Event



Science Fair



impressive efforts and contributions to this fantastic event. The winners were Drake Hansen, Silas Klingforth, Jezebel Bullock, and Priscilla David

Bringing History to Life: The TCS Fifth Grade Living Museum

Each year, the fifth-grade students at TCS participate in an extraordinary event known as the Living Museum. Held in Williams Hall, this annual tradition transforms historical learning into an interactive and engaging experience.

The journey to the Living Museum begins weeks before the event. Students start by selecting and reading a biography of a notable historical figure. They then created detailed infographics mounted on presentation boards. We encouraged spectators to ring a station bell at each display, which prompted the student at that station to “come to life,” delivering a fact-filled narrative about their chosen figure. Through this dynamic storytelling, history was brought to life. The Living Museum allowed students to delve deep into history, develop their presentation skills, and share their enthusiasm for learning with the community.

Science Fair



The Start to the Living Museum



Celebrating Mom's Chapel

Mom's Chapel is a cherished annual event, and this year was no exception. Students honored their mothers with heartfelt performances of song and instrumental music, filled with love and gratitude. The event featured an encouraging message from Mandy Dhaliwal, who spoke directly to the hearts of the attending mothers with words of support and appreciation.

One of the most poignant moments of the morning was when young Harry Joseph took the stage. In a beautiful tribute to his recently deceased mother, Harry shared a moving poem he wrote in her honor. His words captured his love and loss, bringing tears to many eyes and reminding everyone of the enduring bond between mother and child.

This year's Mom's Chapel was particularly memorable, filled with emotion, music, and heartfelt expressions of love. We look forward to many more years of this beloved tradition.

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Mom's Chapel



Clippers



Ahoy mates!

The good ship Clipper will dock at Williams Hall at 1300 hours on Saturday, June 15th. Russ Douglass from Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) will be our speaker.

He will share how God has worked throughout this past year in the schools he serves through FCA. He will also explain the many programs planned for this summer. Join us for an excellent potluck, program, and fellowship with fellow shipmates.

Yer trusty skipper,
Sue Walters

Women's Retreat | Our Compassionate God

Twenty-four ladies attended the annual women's retreat held on Saturday, May 4th, in Williams Hall. Ladies arrived to find a scrumptious continental breakfast and beautiful bouquets of spring flowers from Linda Hensley's garden.

Our presenter, Patricia Kelly, instructed everyone to come prepared to paint. The table setups included tarps, paint supplies, and accessories to reflect the coming adventure.

Deb and Dave Torres provided breakfast and lunch. They put in many hours of preparation. The results were delicious! Venita Barry and Muriel Johnson generously gave their time and talents, assisting in the kitchen and elsewhere as needed.

Patricia spoke of how her faith journey has directed her art through the years. With a spiritual theme in mind, she painted a picture while Robin Mayo, Shirley Woodson, and Melanie Plett provided the music for worship. Similarly, each lady was given paper and a spiritual theme and encouraged to paint what that theme represented to her. The results were varied and meaningful.



Ardis Rowland and her granddaughter Sarrina set up and oversaw the display of African jewelry for purchase.

Many kudos to Bobette Barford and Sue Walters for their creativity and work to bring this retreat about!

Financial Update | How Are We Doing?

Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep His promise. Hebrews 10:23 (NLT)

Hello Trinity Church Family

God is working for revival in his church. He is working with all of his people. Thank you for choosing to worship here at Trinity Church and being faithful and generous in his name. As of this writing, we are current with all of our financial obligations and all of our mission-giving.

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	April 2024 Final	= Actual + Reserve	May 2024 (as of 5/18/2024)
PROJECTED & PLEDGED INCOME	\$ 38,303.62		\$ 38,303.62
ACTUAL INCOME RECEIVED	\$ 34,039.36		\$ 14,089.08
PROJECTED MINUS ACTUAL INCOME = RCVD DIFFERENCE	- \$ 4,264.26		- \$ 24,214.54
CURRENT EXPENSE ACTUAL	\$ 28,964.93		\$ 31,957.11
ADD RESERVES FROM DEDICATED	\$ 0.00	\$ 34,039.36	\$ 0.00
TOTAL ACTUAL INCOME - ACTUAL EXPENSE:	\$ 5,074.43		- \$ 17,868.03

	Year to Date (as of 5/18/2024)	= Actual + Reserve
PROJECTED & PLEDGED INCOME	\$ 191,517.94	
ACTUAL INCOME RECEIVED	\$120,363.41	
PROJECTED MINUS ACTUAL INCOME = RCVD DIFFERENCE	- \$ 71,154.53	
CURRENT EXPENSE ACTUAL	\$ 196,806.73	
ADD RESERVES FROM DEDICATED	\$ 70,975.00	\$ 191,338.41
TOTAL ACTUAL INCOME - ACTUAL EXPENSE:	- \$ 5,468.32	



Our Annual Rummage Sale is Friday, June 21st and Saturday, June 22nd.

Clippers will hold Trinity's annual Rummage Sale (formerly held by PW) this month: Friday and Saturday, June 21st and 22nd. Start packing up your clean re-usable treasures!

Contact friends and family members to donate too. And plan to help a bit, sale days, or setting up the weekdays leading up. All proceeds will go to Missions. Contact Muriel Johnson.

Friday • June 21st - 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Saturday • June 22nd - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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