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Words from Our Pastor | Encouragement



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Hello Everyone

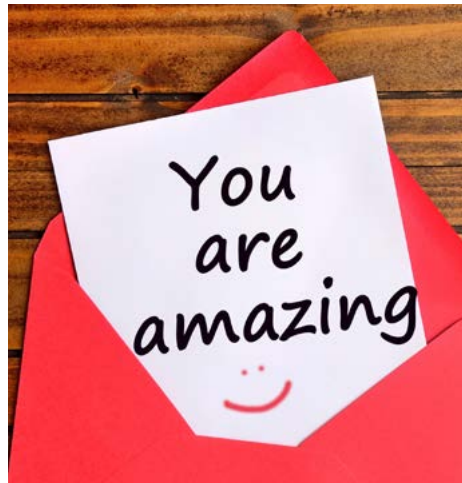
We recently had our leadership retreat for our church staff, elders, and deacons. We spent time worshipping together, praying together, and encouraging one another. We split up into groups. Going around the table, we told each other things we saw that we affirmed, encouraging each one to keep persevering through trials and pointing out things we saw they do in service of God that might go unnoticed.

Hebrews 3:12-13 says, *"See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called 'Today,' so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness."*

The writer of Hebrews tells us that we need to be in the discipline of constantly encouraging one another. The writer even implies that not being in this mindset

causes us to wander and drift in the opposite direction: an unbelieving heart turns away from God!

So how can encouragement, and the lack of practicing it, lead us down a path away from God? Well, think about the act of



encouragement. The activity of encouraging another is looking at someone else and telling them something positive about them. Our sinful nature looks inward. We look at ourselves, assessing our performance, rating and ranking our skills and talents throughout our lives. We seek self-perseverance and

self-fulfillment, even at the expense of others.

To be an encourager is to ignore those impulses leading us to think continuously about ourselves. It forces us to look at someone else and see the positive in them. Sometimes, we are afraid to point out the positives in others because we want that praise ourselves!

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When we do not look at others in a positive light of encouragement, we become more and more inward-focused, making our successes and failures all about us. We head down a path where our achievements are exclusively ours. We believe no one, especially God, had a hand in our accomplishments.

For some of us, the most challenging part is receiving encouraging words! We are quick to deflect praise, to deny the truth behind those words, and brush them aside. Just as ignoring encouragement can be bad for our ego and pride, refusing encouragement and wallowing in our failures also is a path that leads us away from God.

To deflect encouragement is a way we can deny God's gifting and blessing of spiritual gifts to us. To not receive encouraging words, we can actually, just as



we can with pride, refuse to acknowledge God's hand in our achievements. God uniquely blesses us and gifts us with talents, temperaments, disciplines, personalities, and passions to achieve many purposeful things for God's service and worship. When someone encourages us because of those things, we need to accept those words because it is a way we offer thanks and praise to God for how God has blessed us.

To be in the discipline of encouragement is to see how God sees others, and it also reminds us to see ourselves as God sees us. God has blessed and gifted each of his children. We use our gifts for God's worship and work. Be an encourager! You will see yourself and others as God sees us all.

Blessings,
Pastor Brent Barclay

Our Wednesday Night Bible Study Starts September 14th!



We will be having our Wednesday Night Bible Study kick-off on September 14th, both in person in Williams Hall and on Zoom. Join us at 5:30 p.m. for a potluck dinner, a time of worship, and Bible study. This fall we will be in a seven-week series based on Francis Chan's book, *Forgotten God*. Any questions? Contact Pastor Brent.

Youth Group | We Start Up Again September 14th!

Hello Trinity Church Family!

Family and I are excited to reboot the Trinity Church Youth Group this year. We will hold the first youth group meeting on Wednesday, September 14th, from 3:15 - 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Room and every Wednesday at the same time. Each gathering will have fun, including games, fellowship, and meaningful conversations about Jesus. If you know anyone who might be interested, please encourage them to come and let me know! Thank you for your support and prayer.

For more information about Trinity Church Youth Group please see our Instagram, @trinitypressyouth, or contact joe@trinitypres.org.

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Joe Burke and Elder Kirk Drummond clean and organize the Youth Room.

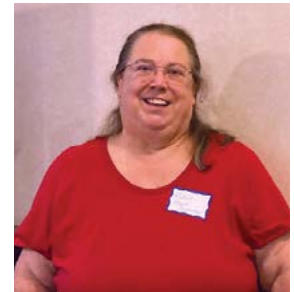
Introducing Robin Mayo, our Interim Choir Director

I grew up in the Christian church at the naval bases where my father served. My parents sang in the chapel choirs, exposing me to wonderful choral music. Around eight years old, I accepted Christ into my heart and have followed him ever since.

I started playing the flute at age 10. I continued playing it and piccolo throughout my school years.

I began directing a choir in 1991 at Northminster Presbyterian Church, where Shirley Woodson played the organ. I started as the substitute director and later became the interim director several times throughout my tenure there.

From the late 1990s until 2016, I worked from time to time as the substitute or interim choir director for Pacific Beach Presbyterian Church. During this time, I began playing handbells. I eventually directed the church's two handbell choirs for about three years.



I came to Trinity Church and joined the choir in 2021.

Anyone is welcome to sing in the Trinity Church choir. We meet on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. If you can read music, count to four, and are interested in ringing handbells, please contact Robin.

**The church office will be closed
Monday, September 5th, for Labor Day.**

Trinity Christian School | A New School Year Begins



Bobcat on the Prowl

We smoothed out the running track for the upcoming year! We have had a running track at the bottom of the playground for years, but due to construction work, it

has been unusable. Thank you to Bob Hensley, Gary Redmond, and Rob Franks for all your hard work and commitment to cleaning this area up.

Doors Galore

To brighten up the campus, Kirk Drummond started painting classroom doors. He used the colors of the Trinity logo and painted different shades of blue and green. (He even got a little paint on himself.) He will also lead a team to paint the basketball court and little playhouse. Thank you, Mr. Drummond, for your hours of hard work. It looks beautiful.

New Trinity Christian School Faculty and Staff

We have many new blessings coming our way this year at Trinity Christian School (TCS)! Here is the list of our 2022/2023 staff. (New/Returning to TCS will have an * by their name. Those staff changing positions will have a +.)

Preschool Team

- Angelique Bovee+ and Christina Tapia*
- Tina Murphy and Erica Cruz+

Kindergarten

Jill Boaz and Angela Landis*

First Grade

Denise Nichols and Jeanette Cross

Second Grade

Lindsay Gonzales and Cherie Tresser*

Third Grade

Nina Dillehay* and Tera Mascari

Fourth Grade

Joe Burke* and Cathy Carlyon

Fifth Grade

Grace VanNortwick* and Lisa May*

Middle School Team

- Chelsea Henderson, Jahnai Hughes, Joy Lopez, Scott Henderson (Math)



Above: Gary Redmond driving the bobcat. Below: Gary Redmond and Rob Franks.



Above: Kirk Drummond painted all the doors, matching the colors of our logo. Below: The beautiful new doors.



Above: Ronda Rudolph, our amazing Office Manager, getting ready for the new school year.

- Cathy Carlyon+ • Director of Middle School Mentoring
- Zach Olsen* • Middle School Chapel Coordinator and Middle School Assistant Teacher

- Library & Spanish** Lisa May*
- Music** Erica Calvert*
- Physical Education** Zach Olsen*
- STEAM** Scott Henderson (beginning in January)
- Technology** TBD (keep praying)
- Instructional Coach** Kindergarten - Eighth Grades Julie Fontenot*
- Campus Discipleship Advisor** Pastor Tom Klingforth*
- Security and Facility** Rob Franks

Informational Technology Consultant
Lawrence Luhnow

Hot Lunch Coordinator and Office Assistant
Tera Mascari

Workroom Executive (copying, laminating, teacher support) - Theresa Schwartz

Campus Assistant (Mondays and Fridays) - Jessie Allen
Office Manager Extraordinaire - Rhonda Rudolph

Associate Principal Jamie Warren

Principal Jimmie Drummond

Our Theme for the Year is ARMOR UP!

Please pray for our school as we ARMOR UP and prepare our hearts and minds for God’s work.

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Welcome, MRS. DILLEHAY!
3rd Grade

Mrs. Nina Dillehay graduated from Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania with a BA in Psychology. After spending two years as a case manager for a social services organization, she left her full-time job and studied to receive her graduate teaching credential in Elementary Education. After graduating, she taught for four years in Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and California. In 2020, she went back into the classroom full-time. Her most recent teaching experience was at School of the Madeleine in Bay Park where she taught second grade. Mrs. Dillehay moved to San Diego in 2009. She and her husband David have been married for 12 years, and they have three children. All of their children attend TCS and love being Trinity Tigers!

“As a child, my teachers helped me find my passion and happiness. As an adult, The Lord has blessed me with the opportunity to pay it forward in my own classroom, and I’m so excited to be able to continue my quest at Trinity!”

Welcome back, MR. BURKE!
4th Grade

Mr. Thomas Burke graduated from San Diego State University with a B.S. degree in Kinesiology with an emphasis in Physical Therapy in 2017. He previously taught at Trinity Christian School as a Physical Education, math, and Bible teacher from 2018-2020. He went back to school at Azusa Pacific University to receive his master’s degree in Education and multiple subject teaching credential. His most recent teaching experience was working as an intern 4th grade teacher at Cameron Elementary School in Barstow, CA. He has four years of teaching experience that spans from Kindergarten to High School. Mr. Burke and his wife have been married for three years and have a two-year-old son. Mr. Burke comes from a teaching family as his wife, brother, brother-in-law, father-in-law, and mother-in-law all work in the field.

“I am very excited to return to Trinity Christian school and to teach God’s word. I look forward to supporting the students and families of TCS this year with a joyful heart!”

Welcome back, MRS. V!
5th Grade

Mrs. Grace VanNortwick is not a stranger to TCS, having taught English in the Middle School from 2010-2018. She hails from British Columbia, Canada, and came to San Diego with her husband, initially as missionaries. After a season of church music ministry, she received her California Teaching Credential from San Diego Christian University. Besides Middle School, she has taught 2nd, 3rd, and 5th grade and has worked as a reading specialist. Mrs. V and her husband have four married children and 3 grandchildren! She enjoys reading, writing, music, and being with her grandkids!

“I am so excited God clearly led me back to TCS! I know God has good plans to help me and my students grow together in knowledge, wisdom, and love.”



Clippers



Ahoy Mates,

The good clipper ship HMS Trinity has been adrift on the high seas for the last two months but we are coming

into port Saturday, September 17th. We will meet at 12:45 p.m. for a potluck, fellowship, and a presentation by the Klingforths. Y'all come, it'll be good to be together again.

Yer trusty signalman,
Jack, the ancient mariner

Presbyterian Women

Welcome to Fall!

We'll begin on Tuesday, September 13th with our Gathering meeting starting at 9:30 a.m. in Williams Hall. We will begin a new Bible study and Pastor Brent will be our guest speaker. We will continue with fellowship around the tables with a delicious lunch. All Trinity Church women are considered members of PW. We hope you will join us and possibly bring a friend.

Sharlene Park will speak in October about the Samaritan's Purse Christmas boxes. In November, Lydia Klingforth will

speak about her new ministry. In December, we will host the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery

Our annual Fall Festival will be the first weekend in November. The women have been working on crafts all year. There will be many flavors of jams and jellies available, along with **four opportunity quilts this year.**

Ardis Rowland
Secretary



It's Fall!

Financial Update | How Are We Doing?

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything” James 1:2-4

Greetings, Trinity Church Family,

It has been a year since I returned to working in the church office after the pandemic. It is difficult to believe that a year later, we are still not altogether on Sunday morning worshipping together as a family. Despite the fracture of our faith family, God is good, and he has poured out his blessings on Trinity Church through your love, generosity, and continued

faithfulness. If God can teach us how to persevere through a pandemic, he can give us what we need until we can be together again as one body of believers.

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	July 2022 Final	August 2022 (As of 8/18/2022)	Year-to-Date (As of 8/18/2022)
BUDGETED INCOME	\$33,067.05	\$ 33,067.05	\$ 295,779.87
ACTUAL INCOME	\$26,204.54	\$ 20,952.36	\$269,935.90
DIFFERENCE	– \$ 6,862.551	– \$ 12,114.69	– \$ 25,843.97
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$ 27,021.83	\$ 18,723.67	\$295,581.82
INCOME – EXPENSE	– \$ 817.29	\$ 2,228.69	– \$ 25,645.92

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Four Opportunity Quilts Available this Year at the Fall Festival

This year choose the quilt that speaks to you - purchase your tickets and put them in the appropriate bucket and see if it's your lucky year. Winners will be drawn at the Fall Festival held the first weekend in November (need not be present to win). Watch for ticket sales to begin soon . All proceeds go to support our missionaries.

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