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Words from Our Pastor

I love books.

Growing up there were some role expectations that seemed to suggest that my older sister should spend time reading but that I should spend time doing more masculine activities such as mowing the lawn, helping to fix the car, and other "guy things." Still I enjoyed reading when I could.

My college years were confusing in many ways – what to make of an unpopular war in Viet Nam, significant cultural changes taking place in our country, and the typical confusion of a young adult. I remember the books that helped me through the turmoil to faith in Jesus.

I have often thought it would be helpful for followers of Jesus to be voracious readers who absorb information, receive encouragement, and are mentored by gifted writers. I have also often thought that every Christian should have a basic home library to draw from. Here are some of the books that I would recommend for such a library of resources:

NIV Study Bible • a very good and readable translation with excellent study notes throughout.

Mere Christianity by C. S. Lewis • A thoughtful presentation of basic Christianity.

Hailey's Bible Handbook • A great introduction to the Bible (there are other equally helpful Bible handbooks including The Bible for Dummies).

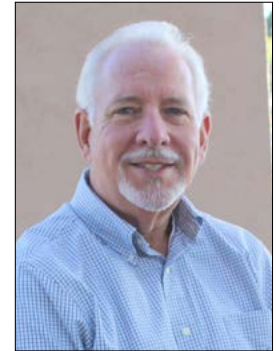
The New Bible Dictionary (InterVarsity Press) • An excellent resource that defines most terms found in scripture.

The New Bible Commentary (also InterVarsity Press) • A wonderful commentary on the entire Bible in one volume (it's a rather big volume).

Introducing the Reformed Faith by Donald K. McKim • This book gets you into theology but in a fairly approachable way.

What's So Amazing About Grace? by Phillip Yancey • "Grace" is the foundational reality Jesus brought into the world. This is an amazing book.

The Jesus I Never Knew by Phillip Yancey • There are many books about the person of Jesus. This one is very easy to follow and is very helpful in dispelling false understandings about Jesus.



Jim Wilson
Interim Pastor

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ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2018



Come celebrate Independence Day with us!

We will have games, contests,
and fellowship following the
Sunday service.

**MORE INFORMATION TO
COME SOON!**

Words from Our Pastor

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Where is God When it

Hurts? by Phillip Yancey (I know Yancey again, but he is a tremendously gifted and helpful author). This is perhaps the best treatment of the question “Why does God allow evil and suffering?”

Prayer, Does it Make any

Difference? by – do you want to guess? Phillip Yancey. Another book I consider to be among the very best on the subject.

There are hundreds more books that have shaped me and my faith. I’m glad to talk with you about them. I would also gladly hear what books have been blessings to you.

Keep reading and growing in your knowledge of God.

Pastor Jim

News from our Pastor Nominating Committee

Your Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) thanks you for completing the congregational survey. The PNC wanted to share some of the results with you.

The first list indicates the overall congregation’s top 10 priorities for the work commitment of our next pastor.

Spiritual Maturity:	76%
Preaching & Worship Leadership:	69%
Compassionate:	56%
Collaboration:	44%
Decision Maker:	40%
Advisor:	40%
Strategy & Vision:	39%
Hopeful:	38%
Flexibility:	36%
Communicator:	35%

The second list indicates the overall congregation’s top three priorities when we limited your choices to your top 3 of the 10 that you chose:

Preaching & Worship Leadership:	67%
Spiritual Maturity:	65%
Compassionate:	42%

(The next closest choice only had 12%).

The PNC is using all of your valuable input as one of the guides in developing the job description for our next pastor. If you have any questions about the survey, please feel free to contact any of the PNC members (Bob Klein - committee chair, Don Axe, Bobette Barfod, Jimmie Drummond, Linda Hensley, Larry Ingraham, and Tom McMurry).

Visit Mt. Miguel Covenant Village AND GET A FREE LUNCH!

People interested in touring Mt. Miguel Covenant Village (MMCV) are invited to a free lunch on Saturday, June 23rd.

We will meet at Trinity Church at 9:45 a.m. A MMCV bus will pick us up and deliver us back to church at 1:30 p.m.

If you would like to join us, please sign up with Bobette Barfod or Barbara Wells by the coffee table after the morning service on Sunday, June 10th or June 17th.

Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School is back on the horizon so please save the date! We will be using "Hero Central: Discovering Your Strength in God" for a week-long VBS running July 23rd-27th.

I am looking for volunteers who would like to help with advertising, decorations, crafts, Bible study, mission projects, singing, games, and food. Please let me know if you are willing to help bring the message of

Jesus Christ to the children of East County. Don't worry if you cannot commit to the whole week, even a few hours of volunteer time will help!

Sunday school is also seeking volunteers who are interested in helping teach Sunday school during the summer months. Some of our regular Sunday school staff deserve a much-needed break from teaching and so we would greatly appreciate some help. If you would like to

volunteer, we need teachers, helpers, and nursery workers to help make our program run smoothly. Even if you are only available one or two Sundays this summer, we could use your help!

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Youth Group

Pat Yourself on the Back

Church Fam! If you are reading this, give yourself a pat on the back for keeping up with all things Trinity Youth Group. YOU are awesome. This month has also been awesome.

We began with our Talent Show and Dinner fundraiser that brought the youth over \$1,000! It also brought in some amazing talent. We have been playing games like Capture the

Flag and Demogorgon (a big hit for the youth).

Now is the time to start talking to every 5th-8th grader you know about this years Summer Camp! At \$65 for three days at Indian Hills Camp, it really is a steal and an excellent place for our youth to grow stronger in their walks with God. Please spread the word!

Katrena Roberts

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The 2017-2018 School Year Comes to a Close

An action packed May came and went very fast. Our Open House was well-attended and very much enjoyed. The Trinity Christian School (TCS) students who won the Speech Meet presented their speeches to the Presbyterian Women Gathering on Tuesday, May 8th. They were warmly greeted and celebrated.

Our middle school students who won in our TCS science fair traveled to Azusa Pacific University to participate in the ACSI regional competition. The student's art contributions were delivered to the fairgrounds in Del Mar for participation in the Del Mar Fair art exhibit. Be sure to stop by to see them if you visit the fair this summer.

Schoolwide Dibels testing was completed this month as well. We administer this test three times a year to document progress and pinpoint areas in language arts that may need extra attention.

The third grade class presented chapel on May 25th. Character certificates were awarded also. The eighth grade Blessing Dinner was held May 31st. At this event, eighth

grade students, their parents, and the school staff share dinner and words of encouragement with one another. Teachers prepare individual comments for each student. Parents write letters to read to their child, and students write letters to read to their parents. It is a very special evening to be remembered always.

Patriotic Chapel

Everyone is invited to the TCS Patriotic Chapel to be presented in Williams Hall on Friday, June 8th at 11:15 a.m. Please come and bring a veteran, someone presently serving, a friend, or a neighbor.

Spirit Week

Spirit Week, the week of June 4th, will be fun days that the students always enjoy. Monday: Book or Movie Character Day, Tuesday: Comfy Clothes & Small Stuffed Animal Day, Wednesday: Decade Day, Thursday: Wacky or Tacky Tourist Day, Friday: Patriotic Chapel.

The Student Talent Show will be hosted on Monday, June 11th in Williams Hall at 1:00 p.m. Sports

Day is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12th all around the campus. Eighth grade graduation will be held on Wednesday, June 13th in the Sanctuary at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Thank You!

As we come to the close of the 2017-2018 school year, we are grateful to the Lord for placing His faithful hand of blessing upon us. We are grateful for Trinity Church and the Session who have given continuous support for their school ministry here for the 49th year. We are thankful to the wonderful school board members: Sue Taylor, Russ Kelly, Margy Becker, Peggy Watkins, and Nicki Mathistad for their support and direction.

We covet your prayers for the Lord to direct those families whom He would want to attend Trinity Christian School to enroll for the next school year. There are some spots still available. As always, Trinity Church members are afforded a 20% discount.

Sharon Axe
Principal

Jimmie Drummond
Principal

YOUTH GROUP SUMMER KICK-OFF

LOCK-IN

**Friday, June 15th @ 6:00 p.m. to
Saturday, June 16th @ 10:00 a.m.**

All Middle Schoolers are Invited!

Bring \$7 to cover costs, sleeping bags, pillows, comfortable clothing, and lots of energy!

We will meet in Williams Hall. There will be dinner, snacks, and breakfast provided, games (including a large game of Demogorgon), baking, movies, slime making, and more!

New Signage and New Adventures Coming

The past month has been a time of focusing on two significant projects – enhancing the signage on our campus and a “mission trip” opportunity to shine the light of Christ to our neighbors in El Cajon.

New Signage

To make it easier for people to find Trinity Church, I am working with the Building and Grounds team to update the sign at Campo Road and Kenwood Drive. We are also working to replace the sign at the entry to the church campus and add lettering to identify Williams Hall. Our hope is to complete these projects by the end of August.

“Building Bridges with Our Muslim Neighbors”

“Building Bridges with Our Muslim Neighbors” is the name being given to our “staycation with a purpose” planned for September 24th through October 7th. This unique two-week immersion into local Muslim communities and cultures gives us the opportunity to learn about our neighbors, be equipped to build relationships with them, and share the love of Jesus in culturally meaningful ways.

In order to prepare for this mission trip, I have been attending a few

seminars focused on reaching out to Muslim refugees. Here is what I have learned:

First, the San Diego area has been receiving upwards of 100 families a week – families that have lived through some of the most traumatic experiences imaginable.

Secondly, these refugees have had their homes or neighborhoods bombed, family members or friends shot in front of them, or worse. They ran away to poorly staffed refugee camps, where they lacked food, water, and adequate housing, all the while trying to get into another

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Partnering with Lifewater International –

To provide fresh water, sanitary toilet facilities, hygiene training, and the message of God’s love in Jesus Christ

Our recent mid-week Bible Study focused on “The Hole in Our Gospel” that called us to see that the “good news” of God’s love in Jesus must be conveyed in words and in acts that meet human needs. Among the greatest need in the world today is fresh water. Over half the people of the world do not have ready access to clean, safe drinking water.

For 41 years, Lifewater has worked in 45 countries, and has served more than 2.5 million people. Lifewater serves vulnerable communities by providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene. This group also partners with local churches and ministries to share the Gospel in each village that is served.

The Opportunity Before Us

Partnering with Lifewater (www.lifewater.org) gives Trinity Church the opportunity to provide clean water to a rural village or villages in Uganda or Ethiopia (the actual site is still to be determined). This is the most cost-effective way to eliminate poverty and to improve health. By sponsoring a village water project, we will provide sanitation and hygiene training as well as a water asset for an entire village.

- \$6,000 serves a small village of about 150 people
- \$12,000 serves a medium sized village of about 250 people
- \$18,000 serves a large village of about 400 people

A Generous Offer

A family in our church has graciously committed to match the funds we raise up to \$12,000! This means if we raise \$12,000, we will really have \$24,000 – enough to serve a village of over 600 people.

Please consider how you can help. A Dedicated Account is set-up to receive funds. Make checks payable to Trinity Church (write “Lifewater” on the memo line).

Once we raise the funds we will learn of the village or villages we and Lifewater will serve. We will get to know the people and follow the progress of the projects. We will help convey the whole gospel.

CLIPPERS

Saturday • June 16th

Our speaker is
Michael Ludwig,
facilitator of the
Exotic Plant Society



We meet at 12:45 p.m. for a fantastic 1:00 p.m. potluck dinner. GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

Please contact Norma Mondeck at 466-2367 or Nona Eichelberger at 660-0188 for further information.

Presbyterian Women

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

June 5	9:30 a.m. - Board Meeting • Ward Center
June 12	The Gathering • Williams Hall 9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Linda Hensley 10:30 a.m. Business Meeting 11:00 a.m. Marlan Enns <i>Missionary & Administrator</i> 12:00 p.m. Luncheon by Circle Three
June 19	9:30 a.m. Crafts • Ward Center 6:00 p.m. Circle 3 • BBQ ribs at Barbara Wells' house - bring a side dish or dessert
June 26	9:30 a.m. Circle 1 and 2 • Jackie Van Dyne's home
June 30	9:00 a.m. Sewing/Quilting

PLEASE NOTE: Trinity Women will be on summer break. Crafts will continue to meet in Ward Center every Tuesday during July and August.
The next Gathering will be on Tuesday, September 11, 2018.

New Signage and New Adventures Coming

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country. Then, if they were accepted to a country like the U.S., they faced a completely foreign culture, language, and social structure. They have lived through three incredibly traumatic events.

Thirdly, I learned the main outreach to these refugee families is spearheaded by Christians living in North County. They are driving more than 30 miles one way, as often as once a week, to visit, help, and encourage refugee families they have befriended. I am amazed at the dedication these brothers and sisters in Christ have to serve people that live in *our* backyard. They haven't just thrown money at them. Instead, they have taken time

to be a part of the lives of the families they have befriended.

Fourthly, despite the work of many North San Diego County Christians, there are many families to whom we can minister. We have the opportunity to be Jesus to a group of people who probably would never have seen or heard the Gospel in their home country. God has put people *He* loves in our hands to love in ways they will understand. We *are* responsible as Jesus followers to bring them to the feet of Jesus.

Some have expressed fear regarding what we want to do with refugees. Jesus constantly encouraged,

exhorted, and commanded His followers to never fear. Wisdom cannot involve fear; it involves learning and understanding with lots of love and grace.

In the near future, we will be providing more details for this new venture!

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Greetings, Trinity Family!

Here at the end of May, God has met all of our missions and ministry needs.

If you find that you are behind in your giving, please catch up as soon as possible. Also, as you enjoy your summer plans, please remember our Services and Ministries continue

throughout the summer; if you will be gone an extended period of time please consider taking advantage of our online and mobile giving options, and hurry back to worship with us!

To view online giving information, you can check out the website or get a brochure at the church office.

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	April 2018 Final	May 2018 (As of 5/17/18)	Year to Date 2018
BUDGETED INCOME	\$35,291.51	\$35,291.51	\$ \$173,171.02
ACTUAL INCOME	\$37,977.40	\$32,282.62	\$153,816.41
DIFFERENCE	\$ 2,685.89	- \$3,088.69	-\$ 19,354.61
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$34,193.24	\$16,123.91	\$114,727.53
INCOME – EXPENSE	\$ 3,784.16	\$16,158.71	39,088.88

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Exotic Plant Society

We will meet Tuesday, June 27th at 7:00 p.m. in Williams Hall.
All visitors are welcome.

Come discuss how to grow any kind of plant successfully. We also have a plant exchange. Please call Jackie Van Dyne or Julanna Loveberg for more information.



Monday - Friday | July 23-27, 2018

9 A.M. - NOON

Preschool through fourth grade

Cost is \$5 per child.

Want to know what makes you truly heroic in God? Get ready to embark on some awesome adventures alongside your favorite Bible heroes at Hero Central! Come and discover the qualities that make everyone heroic in God! Epic music, spectacular science, unique crafts, super recreation, and fantastic Bible stories will help you discover your strength in God!

REGISTER ONLINE @ TRINITYPRES.ORG

Youth Group



SUMMER CAMP

INDIAN HILLS CAMP JULY 6,7, & 8, 2018

(THREE DAYS & TWO NIGHTS)

We will joining John Lopez's youth group for this camp.

Speakers:

John Lopez & Katrena Roberts

For more information, call Katrena Roberts @

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\$65

(food and lodging included. Bring extra money for activities like archery)

Scholarships will be available.

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