



March 2023

## Words from Our Pastor | Thoughts on Lent



Rev. Brent Barclay | Pastor

### Greetings Everyone!

As we turn to March, we come to the season of Lent. Lent, of course, is the 40 days of preparation for Easter Sunday, where we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead! This year, the season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd.

Mark 1:12-13 • *At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.*

Luke 4:1-2 • *Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led*

*by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.*

Like Jesus in the wilderness, we

face suffering, where our bodies, minds, and spirits become weak. In those weaknesses, the temptations to abandon God speak the loudest. In these passages, Jesus had the Holy Spirit to sustain him, helping him resist the Devil's enticement to renounce God and his authority as God.

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The reason for Lent is commonly related to suffering and sacrifice, which Jesus endured on the cross. We use 40 days to coincide with the 40 days of Jesus in the wilderness, where he fasted and faced the Devil's temptations.



# LENT

Matthew 4:1-2 • *Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting for forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.*

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Lent is our opportunity not to force ourselves into suffering but to find new ways to rely on the Holy Spirit. In a world where we get whatever we want, whenever we want, we find it surprisingly difficult to see ourselves in need of the Holy Spirit as much as we should!

For this reason, it is a normal custom of Christians to “give up something” for Lent. To give up a desire, a habit, or routine, and notice our desire to have it, consume it, or enjoy it. The idea is that on our own, you might be able to resist that temptation for a day or two, even a week! But a whole 40 days? It is there where you find yourself calling upon the Holy Spirit to sustain you and keep you focused and strong.

In addition, try adding something to your life in Lent. Adding a new habit or discipline calls upon that same strength to keep at it, keep doing it, until it becomes a new routine or habit.

Just as Jesus relied upon and called upon the Holy Spirit to help him in his seasons of suffering and hardship, you can call upon that same Spirit in your own seasons of misery and adversity. May you find yourself willing to rely on the strength of the Holy Spirit more and more this Lenten season!

Pastor Brent

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## Youth Group | Learning about Love

### Hello Trinity Church Family!

**T**he month of February has consisted of meaningful discussions. In the first week, we discussed the three types of love (Eros, Philadelphia, and Agape) in preparation for Valentine’s Day. In the second week, we tackled the question, “Why do bad things happen to good people?” after learning about the tragedy in Turkey. I watched these students grow closer to God and build a community during these past few months. It has been exciting to watch.



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# Children's Ministry | We are Growing!

## Hello, Church Family!

**A**s we get further into the new year, we see more growth in our Children's Ministry! I am also happy to say that some of the newcomers are from Trinity Christian's preschool! Working at the school and the church has been a wonderful blessing. It allows me to reach out to new families!

The children attending Sunday school range in all ages. We have some children that are three and some are seven, and others are 12! I enjoy switching up our routine to cater to all ages and their spiritual growth.

We have been doing many more group discussions and open conversations and, of course, big group games! It is normal to walk by our Sunday school and hear all the children laughing and running around as they play an indoor game of hide and seek! Last Sunday, the children started a soccer game, and they had a blast!

Our Children's Ministry is here, and we are only getting bigger! Thank you for all your prayers and support. I love serving the children and being a part of Trinity Church.

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# Trinity Christian School | Our School Rocks!



## 5th Grade Leads Chapel

Every month one of our classes gets the opportunity to lead a chapel. In February, the fifth-grade class put on a play about how Jesus took the punishment for our sins, using the story of a grandfather talking to his grandchildren. He told them

about how another student took a punishment that should have been his. They did a fantastic job. They even led the school in a few worship songs.

## Mother/Son Cosmic Bowling

This year the Mother/Son even went off campus. We rented out the Cosmic Bowling alleys at Parkway Bowl.

With crazy lights and glow-in-the-dark bowling balls, it was sure a fun evening. There were over 70 people in attendance! The boys enjoyed fellowship and ate cupcakes as they bowled the night away.

## Dads/Special Guy Chapel

It is always a cherished time when we take the opportunity to love our dads and honor our heavenly Father at chapel. We had a great turnout this year. Each class performed a song. Our middle school students even played the ukulele to “Stand By Me.” Kindergarten, first, and second graders performed a dad’s version of “Take Me Out to the Ballgame.” Pastor Will Warren delivered a message about not just trying but training to be a good dad. Our school chaplain, Ben Horton, spoke a prayer over our dads. We treated each special guest with a Chick-fil-a chicken biscuit, doughnuts, and fruit to start their day with a full belly! We had an anointed time for both dads and children.

## DADDY/DAUGHTER DANCE



## Daddy/Daughter Dance

The Daddy/Daughter Dance has become an annual event for our school. It is always so special to see the girls dancing with their fathers. The dads showed up looking rather dapper. The girls all looked like princesses. The theme was a luau, and there were grass skirts and palm leaves decorating Williams Hall. It was a night to remember with a tropical flair. The dance floor buzzed with dads and daughters dancing to everything from “Cinderella” to “YMCA.” The wonderful families at Trinity Christian School (TCS) bless us! Also, we are very thankful for an active PTF willing to decorate for such a wonderful evening.

## Love is All Around

Valentine’s Day came and went! TCS celebrated the love of our Savior by loving others. This year the students

all dressed up in red and pink to commemorate the fun celebration. Some classes handed out handmade cards and treats and made decorative boxes to store their Valentine’s cards.

## Registration for the Fall

Can you believe we are already registering for the following school year? We held closed registration in the month of January. Most of our classes are full! We are still doing tours and have a waiting list for many grades. Please pray for wisdom and discernment about our school’s direction and growth.

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Fifth Grade leads chapel



## Clippers



Ahoy Mates,

The good clipper ship HMS Trinity docked at Williams Hall on February 18th, 2023, for a hearty meal, good fellowship, and a very informative presentation by Russ Douglass on his work with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He gave

us the history of the organization and his responsibility for the schools in six cities. Our Lord is using him in a mighty way to

bring the gospel to the young people in our schools, training them in Godly service.

We are once again at sea until March 18th, when the good clipper ship will once again dock at Williams Hall at 1245 hours for food, fellowship, and a presentation by our own elder, Gary Redmond. He will share with us his journey with our Lord.

Y'all come and bring a guest. Everyone is welcome.

Yer trusty signalman,  
Jack, the ancient mariner

## Presbyterian Women

Our next Women's Gathering meeting is on Tuesday, March 14th. An excellent time for study and fellowship is available for all of Trinity Church's women. For our Bible study, we have been enjoying video-musical productions of various books of the Bible. We have seen Ruth and Jonah. John Barry will lead us in a Springtime Sing Along for our March program. We will close with a delicious lunch and fellowship around the tables. Feel free to invite a guest or two.

We have scheduled a Mother's Day Tea for May 6th. Some Trinity Christian School students will present a "Yesteryear" fashion show. The African Team Crafts and Jewelry will also be available that day.

Blessings,  
Ardis Rowland

# Financial Update | How Are We Doing?

*Praise God for his provision — Holy One, we trust you for our needs, Lord, we respond with gratitude to the fulfillment of our promise to you and your church.*

## Dear Trinity Church Family,

Thank you for your interest, questions, and support at the annual congregational meeting in January. I expect God will supply our needs as we move through 2023. He is a benevolent God.

As January ends, we met all our financial obligations, including our missionary donations. May God continue to bless the work of this church.

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	<b>January 2023 Final</b>	<b>February 2023 (as of 2/16/2023)</b>	<b>Year-to-Date (as of 2/16/2023)</b>
<b>PROJECTED &amp; PLEDGED INCOME</b>	\$ 27,154.32	\$ 27,154.36	\$ 54,308.68
<b>ACTUAL INCOME RECEIVED</b>	\$ 27,490.42	\$10,263.52	\$ 37,753.94
<b>PROJECTED MINUS ACTUAL INCOME RCVD DIFFERENCE</b>	\$ 336.10	<b>– \$16,890.84</b>	<b>– \$ 16,554.74</b>
<b>CURRENT EXPENSE ACTUAL</b>	\$28,733.93	\$29,785.77	\$ 58,519.70
<b>TOTAL ACTUAL INCOME – ACTUAL EXPENSE:</b>	<b>– \$ 1,243.51</b>	<b>– \$19,522.25</b>	<b>– \$ 20,765.76</b>

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# EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday | April 2, 2023

9:30 a.m.

Good Friday | April 7, 2023

5:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday | April 9, 2023

6:15 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

Saturday Night • March 11, 2023



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