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## Words from Our Pastor | In Need of Comfort



Rev. Brent Barclay | Pastor

### Hello Everyone!

In our world today, it seems that we are more and more aware of suffering in the world. Around the world, Covid shaped this past year and a half. Words like “outbreak,” “symptoms,” and “ventilators” became part of our everyday vocabulary. We read about hospitalization rates, age breakdowns of infection percentages and saw death tolls in different measurements. We seemingly all have firsthand stories of someone we know enduring Covid and either making it out okay or suffering long-term effects from it.

Right now, we can turn on our televisions at any time of the day and see live images of what is happening in Afghanistan. Think about that. Right now, you can stop reading this newsletter, turn on your tv,

and find photos of suffering in Afghanistan. We see scores of Afghan men, women, and children trying desperately to escape. We hear about Christian missionaries fearing for their lives and safety. We see

Americans standing on rooftops hoping the right people can see them and help them flee.



Meanwhile, Haiti is recovering from an earthquake. Along with the other northwest states, Northern California is ravaged by wildfires, as it seemingly does annually.

All this suffering! For us, if we are honest, it can simply feel like too much. The feeling of literal helplessness can be overwhelming. We cannot help the hurting, rescue people, or give them what they need because their need seems so, so great.

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God calls us to serve in the name of Jesus Christ, yet we do not even know where to start. What can we do?

First off, if you feel overwhelmed with grief and sadness for the pain in the world, Jesus says you will be comforted.

In his sermon on the mount, Jesus said, *“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”* (Matthew 5:4) As you pray and seek comfort for those who need it, Jesus says you will be comforted as well.

Now, I know what you are thinking, “I do not need comforting. It is those around the world who need it!” Yet, as we realize how we cannot save everyone from this pain, we know and ultimately place our faith in the God who can. God uses us, and many of us, to help in God’s plan. But we quickly recognize that it is only God who can wipe away every tear. It is only God who can bring an end to suffering. And God truly desires to do this.



Revelation 21:3-4 says *“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them.*

*They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.*

*He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”*

We find comfort in knowing that this loving, mighty God desires for our suffering to end, that God will ultimately bring an end to disease, fires, floods, and war. It is within the comfort of knowing this to be true that we step out in faith, and begin doing something, whether it is great or small, to bring comfort to those around us. May you be comforted as you navigate a world of suffering, as a light of hope and comfort.

Blessings,  
Pastor Brent Barclay

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## Missions Update

**Just in from Mary Hopkins:** Because Mary's mom, Alice, fell recently, Mary returned to the U.S. Mary had already begun cleaning out her apartment in Mexico in order to return to the U.S. to be with Alice. She will be staying in Alice's apartment until it is determined when or if Alice can return.

Recently, she officially resigned from her job as Literacy Coordinator, a job she has held for 20 years. There will be further discussion about her future participation in the Literacy Department in the U.S. A lot depends on what happens with her mother. She still needs to return to Mexico to clear out her apartment.

She asks that we pray with them that God's will be done and that God will be honored in their attitudes and actions in the coming days which might be quite difficult. Her words to Trinity Church are "Thank you for your continuing prayers and support. Keep clinging to the Rock!" She did join us through Zoom on Sunday, August 29th.

**Russ Doulass** led several sports camps throughout the summer. In preparation for the starting of school, he has already had one huddle meeting attended by 29 kids and huddle leaders. He has more meetings scheduled. Please continue to pray for the ministry and his much needed support.

**Steve and Debbie Robinson** continue their work with MAF and the Spanish speaking church Steve Pastors in Nampa, Idaho.

**Chris Moyer and his family** returned safely to France after spending the summer touching base with supporters throughout the U.S. including Trinity Church. He gave a wonderful presentation of his work with World Team in France at here in July.

Please continue to pray for **Betty Barnett** and her work with Youth With a Mission in Colorado Springs, CO. She has been working on a number of projects.

Ardis Rowland  
Missions Elder

## TRINITY CHURCH WOMEN • SAVE THE DATE!

# WOMEN: SPIRITUAL WARRIORS & FAITHFUL WORSHIPERS



Our Speaker • Dr. Gail Bones

**Saturday, October 23, 2021**  
**Trinity Church | Williams Hall**  
**8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Continental Breakfast and Lunch included  
Scholarships available | Childcare provided

*"But I will sing of your strength; in the morning I will sing of your love; for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble." Psalm 59:16-17*

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**Sign-ups begin September 19th!**

# Trinity Christian School | School is Just Around the Corner



## 2021/22 School Year is just around the corner!

Trinity Christian School (TCS) is gearing up for a great year. We are welcoming 41 new families! These families are coming from all over the county and from all walks

of life. God answered our prayers of another year with full classrooms. We can't wait to see what God has in store.

## Saying Good-Bye

It was hard to say goodbye to such pillars in our staff. Mrs. Atterbury (second grade) has retired and just celebrated her daughter Annie's wedding. Mrs. Byce (third grade) moved to Texas and now teaches at a brand new school where we know her heart for the Lord and her students will shine brightly. Mrs. Fontenot (middle school) has retired to spend time with her family.

Replacing these teachers was no easy task. Much prayer and discernment went into the decision-making process. God is always faithful and went above and beyond to supply our needs.

## New Teachers

TCS welcomes three new teachers this year. We welcome Mrs. Lindsey Gonzales to second grade, Mrs. Jolie Brent to fifth grade, and Mrs. Jahnai Hughes to middle school. Below we have included their bios.



**Lindsey Gonzales:** A little about my education and classroom experience: I graduated from San Diego State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Liberal Studies (Elementary Education) and a minor

in Child Development. I received two teaching credentials (Mild/Moderate Special Education and Moderate/Severe Special Education). I also have a Master's Degree from National University in Special Education. My most recent teaching experience was at Valhalla High School as a Special Education teacher. I was there for ten years before taking the last six years off from full-time teaching to be home with my three children. Altogether, I have over 20 years of experience in the classroom setting. This experience spans from preschool through high school!

My husband and I have been married for three months now. Combined, we have five children, four grandchildren, one bearded dragon, and five frogs!

I am so excited to see what the Lord has in store for us this year! I am thrilled to be back in the classroom full time and that God has opened the doors for me to be at Trinity Christian School! I'm looking forward to growing, learning, and praising Jesus together this year!



**Jolie Brent:** I'm a daughter of two teachers, and I'm married to a teacher. I taught elementary in San Diego City Schools before our kids were born and then chose to stay home with them for the last 20 years. I did continue working with kids as children's director at our church for many years!

I've been married to my dear hubs, Tedd, for 27 years, and we have four fun and spunky kids: Aden (19), Carter (17), Vivian (11), and Lily (11). We adopted all of them.

I'm so jazzed to teach fifth grade at Trinity Christian School this year! Fifth graders are amazing, and I'm overjoyed to

spend my days with them! I'm most excited to be in a school where I can share the love of Jesus with my students.



**Jahnai Hughes:** After graduating from Concordia, Chicago in 2009, I worked as an elementary teacher and principal for five years. I then obtained two graduate degrees in Teacher Leadership (UOP) and Organizational Leadership (SDCC) and taught future teachers at the college level while working on my Doctorate in Education. I cannot

wait to be back in the K-8 classrooms that I have missed so much! I'm passionate about getting to know the whole child. Learning goes so much further than our textbooks!

After growing up in Chicago, I moved to San Diego in 2010. I married my husband, Michael, in October 2020. Combined, we have four kiddos. Our three daughters will be attending TCS, and our son is currently a junior at Grossmont High School. We love to BBQ, spend time together, and be outdoors!

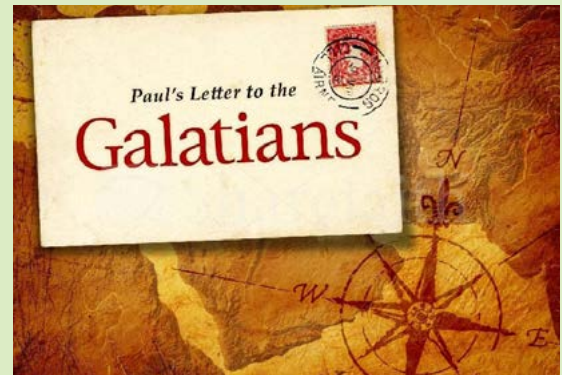
This year I am looking forward to being back in the classroom. After some time away to explore working as a professor, I am confident God wants me back with this group.

### Pray for TCS

Please keep TCS in your thoughts and prayers as we enter this new year together. Trinity Church is pivotal in supporting this ministry. We are so very blessed to work together on such a wonderful team.

## Try Something New!

### PRECEPT UPON PRECEPT BIBLE STUDY



We are studying **Galatians** this year, beginning Monday, October 4th. We meet each Monday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Ward Center. Free Parking!

We welcome everyone, whether you have time to do the homework or not. Our Galatians book is FREE if you decide to stay. There is one hour of discussion and then a video.

Questions? Call  
Bobette Barford at 310-365-0715 or  
Linda Hensley at 619-884-1374

*Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.*

2 Corinthians 13:11

## Clippers



Ahoy Mates,

The Clipper Ship HMS Trinity will dock at Williams Hall on September 18th at 12:45 p.m. for a potluck lunch

and our annual auction. We look forward to getting together again to enjoy our rich fellowship. Guests are welcome. Be thinking about what you may have to offer for the auction.

We will enjoy a good meal and an inspiring devotion from our chaplain. Be in prayer for the saints in our congregation who are fighting cancer, some trying to recover from surgery and for the saints in Afghanistan and others around the world who are in danger of being murdered for their faith in Jesus.

We are truly blessed by our Father's providence and protection. May our lives be a genuine testimony of God's love and do everything for the glory of Christ. Our hearts cry "Maranatha, come Lord Jesus."

Yer trusty signalman,  
Jack, the ancient mariner

## Presbyterian Women

Summer is almost over and it's time to start thinking about our fall activities. The board meeting will be on September 7th followed by Gathering on September 14th. John Barry will be bringing us a very special musical program at the Gathering. That day is also a very important day for Californians, Election Day. Make sure you handle your ballot in the best way that works for you.

Also, we will be starting a new Bible Study this year.

Ladies, please mark your calendars for October 23rd for our one-day retreat on the hill with Gail Bones as our speaker.

I hope everyone has been working on their crafts for the Fall Festival being held on November 7th & 8th. Several ladies have been working on crafts throughout the summer on Tuesdays. I have made quite a bit of jams and jellies. Also, there will be a need for baked goods for the Festival. Start planning now.

I am looking forward to what the Lord has in mind for us this year.

Blessings!  
Ardis Rowland

# Financial Update | How Are We Doing?

*“It’s not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What’s important is that God makes the seed grow.” 1 Corinthians 3:7*

## Greetings, Trinity Family!

Greetings Trinity Family- We seek God’s guidance here at Trinity Church. In all aspects of our ministry, we submit our trust that the Lord will provide. It is no different in our finances. By his grace, all of our financial obligations have been covered. Our missionaries have received support. God also provided so we could hire a new Children’s Ministry Director, repair the



Abbey building, and upgrade our audio-visual system in the sanctuary.

Thank you for your love, generosity, and faithfulness. The mission and ministry here at Trinity Church doesn’t happen without your support.

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|                         | <b>July Final</b>    | <b>August</b><br>(As of 8/25/2021) | <b>Year-to-Date</b><br>(As of 8/25/2021) |
|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| <b>BUDGETED INCOME</b>  | \$ 30,493.47         | \$ 30,493.47                       | \$ 243,947.68                            |
| <b>ACTUAL INCOME</b>    | \$ 28,591.42         | \$ 26,234.29                       | \$ 281,018.72                            |
| <b>DIFFERENCE</b>       | <b>– \$ 1,902.05</b> | <b>– \$ 4,259.18</b>               | \$ 37,071.04                             |
| <b>CURRENT EXPENSE</b>  | \$ 33,769.66         | \$ 24,872.19                       | \$ 243,278.90                            |
| <b>INCOME – EXPENSE</b> | <b>– \$ 5,178.24</b> | \$ 1,362.10                        | \$ 37,739.82                             |

## Wednesday Night Bible Study | Kicks Off September 8th!



We are starting up our Wednesday Night Bible Study led by Pastor Brent starting September 8th. Join us on Zoom starting at 6:30 p.m. for worship and Bible Study, finishing by 7:45 p.m. We will be starting off the year with an eight-week video series looking at the book of Jonah. You'll receive an email link for Zoom the week of our first session.

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