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## Words from Our Pastor | Lessons Learned



Rev. Brent Barclay | Pastor

### Hello Everyone!

I was recently reading a biography of a famous rock star. He told stories about how he was inspired to become a musician, how he got his breaks and those lucky opportunities to be seen and heard, and those moments in life where he knew success was happening. He also told many stories about meeting his heroes, legends who came before him and inspired him. He talked about how nervous he would be, how great they were in his encounters, and even how some became lifelong friends with him.

I do not think I have met anyone famous, not that I can recall. I have certainly never met a movie star whose movies I watch, a musician whose music I listened to, or

a famous athlete I watch on television. I have never sought out those encounters. I think it is because I always wondered, “Are they going to be who I think they will be?” Are they going to be as nice, or cool, or amazing as I think they are? Are they going to be boring, rude, or even mean?



And it made me wonder, what would it mean to meet Jesus? Would it feel like being in the presence of a celebrity or a royal dignitary? Would the room fall into absolute silence, with gasps in the air? Would everyone rush to him in a mob, trying to get a picture with him or shake his hand? Would everyone tell him just how great he is and try to impress him with their fandom. (Jesus, I am your biggest fan!) Would everyone expect him to do something or say something profound?

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Would meeting Jesus meet my expectations or disappoint them? Can your heroes be everything you dream they could be?

The disciple Thomas had that same dilemma. Jesus had died, much to the surprise of many. The hero they had followed for a few years had willingly gone to his death instead of using his power to escape. Thomas felt disappointed, as had many others. Now, news from his friends is rushing everywhere: Jesus is reborn! Jesus has come back from the dead, and we have seen him!

For Thomas, he is not sure. He is not sure that Jesus is going to match his expectations. That meeting the risen Jesus is going to be worth it. We see this play out in John 20:25-28.

So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not

doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"



Thomas was unsure about meeting his hero again, this time as the risen Savior he said he would be. Thomas came to believe that all that he dreamed Jesus would be, he indeed was. Even though he had formed a great friendship with Jesus, this meeting was different. Thomas now had expectations and was afraid of his heart getting hurt by a disappointing encounter. Jesus exceeded his expectations.

You and I have a relationship with Jesus, but what would it be like to meet him in person? Do you have expectations of what it would look like? Are you afraid that, in some way, that meeting might be disappointing? Take courage in the fact that in the story of Thomas, we can place ourselves in that position, wondering if this is going to be everything we dream it would be. As Thomas came to exclaim, "My Lord and my God!", may we have the same confidence. Jesus is everything he says he is and what we put our faith and hope in. He will meet our expectations, and in many ways, exceed them. I cannot wait to meet him in Heaven one day, and I hope you are just as excited as I am!

Blessings,  
Pastor Brent Barclay



## Coffee & Donuts are Back

**Deacons will have coffee and donuts again outside before and after church.**

## Missions Update

This month I am going to emphasize Samaritan's Purse. When we think of Samaritan's Purse, we tend to think of Operation Christmas Child and the shoeboxes first, but that is only one aspect of their ministry. The following comes from their September update from Franklin Graham.

*"In our work, Samaritan's Purse has to be prepared for the worst. In the last few weeks, we've responded to a Category 4 hurricane and earthquake in Haiti, a refugee crisis in Afghanistan, wildfires in California, and the latest Covid outbreak."*

I was amazed to learn that this ministry is so varied and reaches so many needs year-round. Also, I found out that though we think of Christmas shoeboxes at Christmas time, they deliver boxes worldwide and year-round. Each child receiving a shoebox is introduced to Jesus and is

disciplined. This introduction to Jesus frequently leads to the salvation of a whole family.

When I left church on October 24th, there were already 20 boxes stacked by the pulpit. There are still boxes available in the office daily. The last day to bring to church is November 14th.

As this Press comes out, we will have had a most welcome visit from Steve Robinson, one of our missionaries who serves with Mission Aviation Fellowship. It was good to see and hear from him. Our prayers continue for Mary Hopkins, Betty Barnett, Russ Douglass, Steve Robinson, and the Moyers in France.

Ardis Rowland  
Mission Elder

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## The Opportunity Quilt is Here!



It's that time of year again. Trinity Church is selling opportunity tickets for one dollar each toward our annual Fall Festival quilt. Help support our missionaries. Thank you, Carrie Ann Wilson, for doing the long arming yet again. She's the best. Get your tickets now. The drawing is November 6th. You can purchase tickets Sunday mornings in the narthex, at the Fall festival, or contact Sue Walters.

# Trinity Christian School | Things are Moving Along!



**G**od continues to bless us with health and safety!

## Student Council

Every year Trinity Christian School (TCS) elects a group of students to serve in a leadership role. These

positions include president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and chaplain. The students running for these positions were required to deliver a speech in front of their peers. Following the presentation, the students voted for their choices. The results were as follows: President - Atara Haddad, Vice President - Alia Rosales, Secretary - Kylie Mathistad, Treasurer - Finn Wheale, Chaplain - Drake Hansen. We look forward to the marvelous things the Lord has in store for these amazing young men and women!

## Mother/Son Event

A night to sit back and relax while snuggling your favorite little guy is always a great night. There was pizza and lots of popcorn and candy for all. Everyone got to make their own "goodie bag." The night was topped by viewing "Meet the Robinsons" under the stars! What a lovely night it was for our moms to get to fellowship with one another and for the boys to get to hang out. Thank you, Parent/Teacher Fellowship, for planning such a great night.

## Catalina

Our biennial trip to Catalina was October 13th-15th. Seventh and eighth-grade students started the adventure driving to Dana Point, where they loaded onto the Catalina Ferry Express. On the ride over to Catalina, they encountered lots of dolphins jumping out of the water. From Avalon, they took a super cool, bright yellow speed boat over to the camp. At "Campus by the Sea," students



From left to right: Kylie Mathistad - Secretary, Alia Rosales - Vice President, Atara Haddad - President, Finn Wheale - Treasurer, Drake Hansen - Chaplain.



Pre-School teacher, Mrs. Scally, hangs out with one of her students on the playground.

learned about local sea life from marine experts. They snorkeled, kayaked, hiked, and even dissected a squid. At dusk, deer often came to visit the campus. It was an incredible time to connect with the Lord by spending time with nature. We were blessed to have safe travels and a wonderful group of students and chaperones!

**Jimmie Drummond**  
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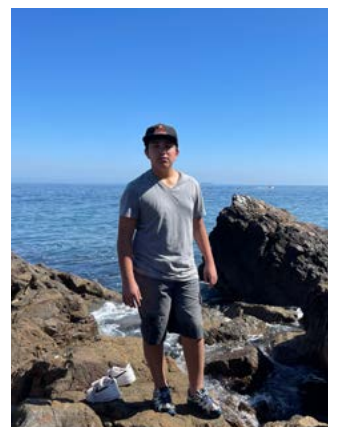
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Photos from the Mother/Son event.

## Catalina Photos



## Clippers



Ahoy Mates,

On November 20th, the good clipper ship HMS Trinity will dock at 1715 hours (dats 5:15 p.m. for you land lubbers) at

Williams Hall for a pot luck supper. Every one is invited. Let Norma Mondeck know you are coming so we can set a place for you. After supper we will join TOSSD for Silent Movie Nite. (no cost to anyone).

We enjoyed an inspiring talk by Marlan Enns at our October meeting telling us about his life as a missionary. The shipmates were glad Jack gave the short history of the Mennonites (about two minutes) rather than the long version (about two hours). Our Skipper, Sue Walters, gave us an inspiring devotion.

We hope you can come and bring a guest.

Yer trusty signalman,  
Jack, the ancient mariner

## Presbyterian Women

On Saturday, October 23rd, the women of Trinity experienced a wonderful worship-filled, one-day retreat. We want to thank the team of ladies that worked to make it such a successful event.

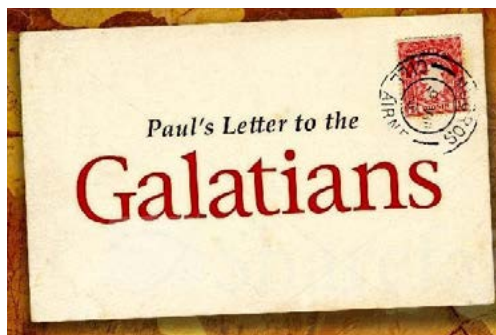
The next event on our calendar is the Fall Festival on Saturday, November 6th, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and Sunday, November 7th, right after church. A delicious lunch will be served on Saturday, with possible leftovers on Sunday.

Our women have been working hard on crafts all year. There will also be jams, jellies, and baked goods. Please bring your handmade items on either Thursday or Friday after 9:00 a.m. Baked goods, homemade or purchased, can be brought up on Friday or early on Saturday.

Friday, December 3rd, we host the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery for a Continental breakfast, lunch, and a musical program by Trinity Christian School. This program has turned out to be an annual event, and all of Trinity Church's women are encouraged to participate.

The Precept Bible Study on Galatians continues on Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Ward Center. This study has just begun, and it is not too late to start. This study is open to all adults. Monday mornings at 9:30 in Ward Center. This study has just begun and it is not too late to start. This is not just a woman's study but is open to everyone.

Blessings,  
Ardis Rowland • PW Secretary



### PRECEPT UPON PRECEPT BIBLE STUDY

We are studying **Galatians** this year. We meet each Monday morning from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Ward Center. The class and book are free.

**Questions?** Call Bobette Barfod at 310-365-0715 or Linda Hensley at 619-884-1374.

# Financial Update | How Are We Doing?

“Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the day approaching.” Hebrews 10:23-25 NIV

## Greetings, Trinity Family!

It is that time of year when thanksgiving is foremost in our prayers. Gratitude that God has given us what we need in our lives, homes, and church. We are grateful that we have a place to meet and encourage each other in Christ. God has been faithful to Trinity Church during this time of uncertainty, and you have been committed to showing gratitude to God in your prayers and your offerings. We have paid our debts and missions responsibilities to date, and we thank God for every prayer he answers.

You will receive our annual stewardship letter and pledge card for 2022 soon. Please be in prayer for the finance committee as we begin the budget work for next year, help us to steward well what God provides in 2022. Also,

be in prayer about how you plan to support Trinity Church in the coming year with your time, talent, and treasures. We ask that you return your Pledge card no matter what your decision or ability.

## Pledge Envelopes

Please email me if you do not have pledge envelopes and want them for 2022. We have weekly or monthly envelopes available. Also, if you wish to OPT-OUT of pledge envelopes, please let me know. Thank you.

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	<b>September Final</b>	<b>October</b> (As of 10/21/2021)	<b>Year-to-Date</b> (As of 10/21/2021)
<b>BUDGETED INCOME</b>	\$ 30,493.47	\$ 30,493.47	\$ 304,934.62
<b>ACTUAL INCOME</b>	\$ 34,160.94	\$ 22,555.47	\$ 360,766.40
<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	\$ 3,667.47	<b>– \$ 7,938.00</b>	\$ 55,831.78
<b>CURRENT EXPENSE</b>	\$ 38,104.06	\$ 15,102.64	\$ 310,125.71
<b>INCOME – EXPENSE</b>	<b>– \$ 3,943.12</b>	\$ 7,452.83	\$ 50,640.69

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## Hanging of the Greens

Join us on Sunday, November 21st, after the service, to decorate the sanctuary and narthex for the Christmas season. All help is greatly appreciated. Consider bringing a sack lunch since the kitchen and Williams Hall are unavailable for our use.

*It's that time of year again!*



**Turn Your Clocks BACK on Saturday, November 6th!**

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