



February 2021

## Words from Our Pastor



**Rev. Brent Barclay**  
Pastor

### Hello Everyone!

I'm excited that we are in the midst of 40 days of prayer as a church. For me, this has been a wonderful exercise in stretching out my "prayer muscles" and growing in strength as I challenge myself to pray with someone every day. It's great to know that others in our church are taking this time to pray daily, in new ways and frequencies.

Prayer is often difficult at times. We know that we should bring everything to God in prayer, but that's something that seems easier said than done. We are good at bringing God our requests for healing, overcoming tests and challenges, and guidance with issues, but is that all prayer is? I think God wants more of us than that!

When I was in college, I took a class taught by a former lawyer. Someone asked her why she stopped being a lawyer and became a professor, and this was her answer, "as a lawyer, I got tired of people only coming to me with their problems." I never forgot that perspective: we only go to a lawyer with problems, never things about which to celebrate and get excited. Do we sometimes do that with God, only come to him with difficulties and bad news?

Like any loved one, family member, or friend, God wants to hear everything about us! When you have good news, who are those you immediately call? When something excites you, with whom do you share it? God wants us to run to him and share all those exciting stories and any good news with him! How would that change our prayer life when we think to turn to God in prayer when we have good news to share and exciting things to talk about?

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 says, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." Praying without ceasing seems like a daunting challenge, but when you think of it as more of a conversation, it makes more sense. Think of it as the command to "always be talking to your best friends and family."

Who are those you talk to the most? What starts those conversations, how do they flow, and what kind of joy do you get out of them? That's what our prayer life with God should feel like! Yes, those conversations can be tough, heart-to-

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## Love, Love, Love

*Let all that you do be done in love.*  
1 Corinthians 16:14

### Back to School

We've had an exciting start to 2021! Being blessed with health, our classes have continued to meet on campus! God has richly blessed us in our efforts to keep the virus at bay. Everyone would appreciate your ongoing prayers through this season as we strive for excellence in education while sharing the love of Christ.

### Spirit Week

Every year our Student Council sponsors Spirit Week. It is a chance for us to show our love and support for our school by doing away with our uniforms and throwing on some crazy attire. This year's Spirit Week was filled with lots of fun and comradery! We started the week with Comfy Clothes Day, where the students were

allowed to wear their softest, most comfortable clothing. On Tuesday, we had Decade Day and, boy, were there some really "cool cats"! The students looked so groovy in their 50's-90's attire. It brought back some fun memories and reminded us of how many decades we have lived. Wow! Wacky Wednesday is always fun and very unexpected. Who knew we would have students that longed to wear scuba flippers to school? On Career Day, we had every profession ranging from doctor to mattress tester. Lastly, on Friday, we had Color Wars. Each class picked a color and wore as much of it as possible! We had teachers in pink wigs and students with teal boas. All of this in support of our school! Way to go TCS!

### California Mission Projects

On Wednesday, January 13th, our fourth-grade class presented

their annual mission projects. With the guidance of Mrs. Melinda Thomas, students worked for weeks, researching California's missions, creating an oral presentation, drawing an illustration of their assigned mission, and crafting a scale model of the structure. While on display in Williams Hall, classes were brought to enjoy these projects first hand. Great job fourth-grade!

### Mr. Bob Turns 75!

TCS honored our beloved Mr. Bob (Robert Hensley) on his 75th birthday! We celebrated with balloons and singing. Each student was given a doughnut hole as a sweet treat in honor of Mr. Bob. We are so very blessed to have him serve at TCS!

**Jimmie Drummond**  
*Principal*

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heart, with tears and shouts, and those should be a part of our prayer life as well. But like I said, I think most of us have that confidence to go to God in prayer when things are tough and challenging, which is a good thing.

I think we can be stretched and challenged by going to God in prayer with more than challenges and obstacles. We want to grow in our relationship with God and having different types of conversations and prayers is a great way to do that. As I have been praying with church members every day, I am amazed at how the style, content, and subjects of the prayers have changed each day. I'd love to pray with you! I'd love to hear what's on your heart, how I can pray for you, and how together we can pray for our loved ones.

How might God want to speak to you during this season of prayer? Does God want to calm you down, energize you,

comfort you, or stretch you? Does God want to show you how he provides or works in the world, or even how he can go beyond your hopes and dreams? Does God want to show you how he creates, judges, views others, weeps for the lost, or reigns overall? Only when we open ourselves in prayer can we stretch our view of God and see in new ways how God works in our lives and in our world.

May these 40 days of prayer be a blessing to you as you encounter God in new ways and discover new things about God. God loves you and wants you to share everything with him. My prayer is that you learn to fall in love with God through prayer more and more.

Blessings,  
Pastor Brent



# Spirit Week and Fourth Grade Mission Projects





## Clippers

Ahoy Mates!

Here we are in the dead of winter and it's still summer. We are still adrift with little hope of ever reaching port again. As we drift, we have pleasant memories of potluck lunches, warm fellowship and inspiring programs. Oh, how we long to have that again. Keep in touch with one another by phone and email. We are all members of one another and our Lord commanded us to love one another. Let our hearts not grow cold because we are unable to come together. Keep in touch with your brothers and sisters. We wish George Moore a happy birthday and God's richest blessing.

Even though we can't come together, we still need to pay our dues. Please mail a check to Sue Walters at 5051 Tierra Baja Way, San Diego, CA 92115 payable to Clippers and indicate 2021 dues on the left corner of your check. The dues are \$15 per member.

Pray for one another and pray that our Lord will once again have his proper place in our nation. We know we are of God and the whole world lies in the evil one. We know that the son of God has come and given us a knowledge of him who is true and we are in him who is true, in his son Jesus Christ.

Yer trusty signalman,  
Jack, the ancient mariner

## Presbyterian Women

With the new year, let us hope that we will soon be able to meet in person to resume our monthly Gathering and Circle meetings as well as our Crafts and preparations for a Fall Festival. There is also a possibility for a Retreat at Pine Valley. We have much to look forward to. In the meantime let us remember the goals of Presbyterian Women, to **praise** God, **study** the Word, and **serve** family and community. These are things we can each do as individuals and we will be richer for it when we are able to get together again.

Many thanks to those of you who participated in the drive-up Baby Shower for Moms. You can be sure many moms and babies will be blessed by your thoughtfulness.

The Precept Bible Study of Philipians continues on Monday mornings. We have several weeks to go and anyone is welcomed to join. Contact Bobette Barfod and she will send you a Zoom link.

May God bless and encourage each one of you,

Ardis Rowland  
Secretary

## Missions Update

### Mary Hopkins

Mary Hopkins says in her latest letter that she is settling in in Oaxaca. She thanks us for our prayers for her transition back to Mexico. She arrived safely in Oaxaca City on Tuesday January 11th. The next morning she picked up her car and drove to the training center in Mitla, about an hour from the city, stopping off at Walmart on the way for a grocery pick up. She needed to be in quarantine for a week so was confined to her little apartment during that time. She hoped to be able to get back down to work again by now. Now that she is getting used to it, it feels good and familiar to be home. Thank you again for your prayers.

(This information comes from Mary's letter. If you would like, I can get you a copy of the original.)

### Travis and Lydia Klingforth

Travis and Lydia are transitioning back to the United States after 17 years in Kenya. They hope to continue their ministry here and are looking forward to what God has for them. Please pray for this transition process and for their sons Meshach and Silas They have never lived in the U.S. so will be facing a very different cultural context and process.

### Russ Douglass

Russ Douglass has recovered from his experience with Covid 19. He has been

able to meet with some high school Huddle leaders in the Escondido area via Zoom at 6:30 a.m. Sometimes these meetings are in parks when members "happen" to meet there. Russ has recently been blessed with some new donations.

### Others to Keep in Prayer

We also want to continue holding Steve and Debbie Robinson and Betty Barnett in our prayers. Chris and Laura Moyer and their children all arrived safely back to France. Please pray for the whole family as they get more clarity on Chris' health issues.

Ardis Rowland  
Missions Elder



*“And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.”*

Philippians 4:19 (NLT)

It's almost February of a brand new year, bringing with it all the excitement and anticipation of how God will work in our midst in 2021.

I hope you all had a chance to review the financial report for 2020. If you have, you already know that we are projecting a budget shortfall for this year of over \$33,000. It is funny but not surprising that that is almost the

exact amount God supplied over our needs in 2020. If you did not receive your 2020 annual report and would like an electronic or hard copy, please email me.

Trinity Church is a church that believes God provides. In faith, we make our plans, then we look ahead and trust God will provide all of our needs for 2021 “from his glorious riches.”

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	December Final	Final Year 2020	January (As of 1/21/2021)
<b>BUDGETED INCOME</b>	\$ 29,874.72	\$358,496.56	\$30,493.39
<b>ACTUAL INCOME</b>	\$ 32,269.95	\$ 412,396.19	\$23,538.61
<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	\$ 2,395.23	\$ 53,899.63	<b>– \$ 6,954.78</b>
<b>CURRENT EXPENSE</b>	\$ 41,324.33	\$ 378,216.86	\$20,042.18
<b>INCOME – EXPENSE</b>	<b>– \$ 9,054.38</b>	\$ 34,179.33	\$ 3,496.43

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# WE'RE BACK TOGETHER OUTDOORS

***Beginning February 7th!***



- **Wear a mask!**
- **Bring your own chair and hymnal.**
- **We will take your temperature.**
- **You will need to social distance.**
- **We will be in the quad so bring a hat or umbrella (sun protection).**
- **We will continue to be on Zoom for those who are uncomfortable coming in person.**

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