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Words from Our Pastor | God Gives Us Our Time



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Proverbs 3:27-28 • *Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act. Do not say to your neighbor, "Come back tomorrow and I'll give it to you"— when you already have it with you.*

We seemingly live in a world where someone always wants something from us, and they want it right now. Bills arrive in the mail with upcoming due dates. Our schedules get filled with appointments to keep and errands to do. We seemingly always have a missed call to return, a text going unanswered, or an email that needs a response.

One of my admitted weaknesses is the desire to control my time. I like to feel "in charge" of my time, how I

spend it, when I spend it, and making the most of my productivity with the time I have. I sometimes get short and frustrated when I feel that too much of my time is being taken or controlled by other things.

This proverb raises an interesting point: what if you can do good in a person's life, but your preference is to do that good at another time? Maybe an opportunity to converse with a



neighbor presents itself, but you want to get to the bank or grocery store right now. Perhaps you want to get inside to do the laundry because it is nagging you to get it done now.

We can think, "It is my neighbor; I see them frequently. I will have time

tomorrow." Let's be honest. How often do we follow up on that tomorrow? What truly happens? We keep pushing it down our to-do lists.

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The truth is God gives us our time. God gives us each new day, each hour, each minute. God places us in our neighborhoods, households, workplaces, and spaces where we spend most of that precious time. God creates those opportunities, those divine appointments, which we never schedule, to do good, to have the power to act.

When we withhold good, we tell God we are better at prioritizing our time than he is! Because why would God choose now to do good? Wouldn't it be better when it is more convenient for us?

I am at the front of the line of being guilty of this offense, to see opportunities to do good as an offense to my perfect time strategy. When I look back, I realize all those significant things. They



did get completed. The ones that did not? They probably were not that important. But the missed opportunities to do good? Yeah, that can sting.

But God gives us still more chances. The opportunities to do good to those we see all the time present themselves often. How can we lay

down our desire to master and control our time and give that control over to God, the one who gives us all our time to start with? It starts with that mindset: when God gives me something in abundance, I should honor God with it.

Make time. Allow God to intervene in your schedules, minutes, and plans. Allow God to surprise you with opportunities to do good. When you have the power to act, act accordingly.

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Children's Ministry | Celebrations and Growth

In April, our Children's Ministry celebrated the resurrection of Jesus together, blessing all of us. We recapped the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, his crucifixion, and resurrection, celebrating his empty tomb with the help of story-telling resurrection eggs. It was a beautiful and stormy Easter, ending with an exciting easter egg hunt. After Easter, we taught about the parable of the prodigal son, the parable of the lost sheep, the parable of the lost coin, and the parable of the four soils. These lessons helped

us to understand God's heart for his children in a very tangible and sweet way. As we read through each Bible story, many children identified with the objectives of Jesus' teachings. They asked many meaningful questions, helping each of them grow in their understanding of the heart of Jesus. Our highlight of the past several weeks has been the sunny skies, allowing us to be outside, exploring God's wonderful creation. It is a beautiful season for us at Trinity Church.



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Youth Group | Keeping Our Minds Sharp

The Trinity Church Youth Group has been working on keeping our minds sharp. In the past few weeks, we have participated in studies about staying disciplined with the Word of God and how to present the gospel. We conducted an exercise where the students had to point out errors in counterfeit rules and teachings. In another exercise, we debated various topics of interest to the youth, such as school uniforms and video games. Then, we channeled that passion into a brief discussion about our devotion to the gospel. The

youth have been very engaged in these studies on Wednesdays.

In Sunday Youth Group, we have studied the books of 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, and Jude. These books helped us understand the true definition of love, discernment, and truth. In May, we will begin a study on the book of Romans.

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Trinity Christian School | School Life Continues!

Our Grandparents' Chapel

Our Grandparents' Chapel is a heartwarming time for everyone. Students in preschool through eighth grade prepared musical numbers ranging from flute recorders playing "All You Need is Love" to everyone ending in a time of worship singing. A video compilation of grandparents who have passed was shared and filled the room with smiles and tears. We are so honored to have such amazing people with whom to share this earth.

Spring Break

Spring Break is always an anticipated event at Trinity Christian School (TCS). Students and their

families travel all across the globe, visiting family and seeing beautiful places. The most important thing about Spring Break is that we get to remember the sacrifice our Lord made on the cross and, even greater, his promise of resurrection.

Speech Meet

The 2024 Speech Meet was a glorious event with lasting results. Each student patiently waited their turn to share their memorized prose with confidence. The room grew silent as each participant neared the stage. With excited anticipation and nervous tension, the students recited their speeches with gusto and grace. A rush of relief and pride immediately painted their faces

Grandparents' Chapel



as they spoke the last words of their piece. With teachers waiting in the wings armed with high fives and hugs, students returned to their seats, smiles on their faces and a sense of accomplishment in their hearts. TCS would like to express our gratitude to our staff and volunteers for their willingness to put on such an extraordinary event for our students.

TCS Mentor Program

To “train up our children,” TCS offers eighth-grade students the opportunity to apply for the Mentorship Program. Orchestrated by Mrs. Cathy Carlyon, the program allows students to step up in leadership roles by serving as mentors. They spend time

with their peers praying and sharing advice on life problems. They show love and understanding to younger students and go out of their way to share their time. This outstanding program teaches servant leadership.

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Our Mentorship Program



The Speech Meet



Clippers



Ahoy mates!

The good ship Clipper docked at Williams Hall at 1300 hours on Saturday, April 20th, for a delicious potluck and program featuring our very own Leigh Taylor. Leigh shared his testimony and all that informs his music and service for the Lord.

The upcoming program for May will be our usual potluck and a program featuring Neal and Yvonne Pirolo. The Pirolo's have been

associated with Emmaeus Road International (ERI) for many years and have recently retired from their ministry there. They continue to serve the Lord in many other ways. Neal has trained new missionaries seeking to go into the mission field and what they can expect. Yvonne has taken Bibles into China under the guise of being a hiker. Their presentation promises to be a fascinating story you will not want to miss!

Clippers will be on Saturday, May 18th, at 1300 hours (that's 1:00 p.m. for us landlubbers).

Yer trusty midshipwoman,
Melanie Plett

Missions | Updates on the Moyer Family and Mary Hopkins

Below are updates from two missionaries we support as a church - The Moyer family, part of World Team in France, and Mary Hopkins, working with Wycliffe (SIL) in Arizona.

Chris Moyer and his family help facilitate a church plant in France, north of Paris. As well as his duties helping World Team's missionary families live well in their new countries, he teams up with his son to bake chocolate chip cookies. This is a great way to reach out to the French families they live near. All three of the Moyer children play basketball, giving them opportunities to show God's love.

Mary Hopkins now lives in Tucson, and many of her duties changed over the past few months. She says, "I have had a burst of learning new processes in my job managing the personnel database (called Workday) for our group of Mexico SIL members. It seems as if every week brings some new procedure I haven't yet mastered that I have to work on. We have a monthly Workday Community of Practice meeting where we can ask questions and

learn procedures and find out about modifications to the program which is of great help."

She adds, "I am almost finished working on the Zapotec dictionary that I have been helping to format since early last year, I hope. Every time I think we are done, something else comes up ... I am also in the process of checking a book in another variety of Zapotec about how the community plants beans and squash in their fields along with the traditional corn plants."

Chris Moyer and his son whip up a batch of his famous chocolate chip cookies.



Financial Update | How Are We Doing?

“For God is the One who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, He will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you.”

2 Corinthians 9:10 (NLT)

Hello Trinity Church Family

As this Bible verse tells us, he will “produce a great harvest of generosity in you”.

We are humbled that God can and will “produce the harvest of generosity” here at Trinity Church in more than financial support. As the church body, we all benefit from God’s generosity every day. When we follow as the Lord leads, he blesses us in response.

At the beginning of April, I sent out the first quarter giving statements. With your generosity and faithfulness, we have met our financial obligations, including our mission giving.

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	March 2024 Final	= Actual + Reserve	April 2024 (as of 4/18/2024)
PROJECTED & PLEDGED INCOME	\$ 38,303.62		\$ 38,303.62
ACTUAL INCOME RECEIVED	\$ 23,007.08		\$ 21,933.32
PROJECTED MINUS ACTUAL INCOME = RCVD DIFFERENCE	– \$ 15,296.54		– \$ 16,370.30
CURRENT EXPENSE ACTUAL	\$ 47,329.14		\$ 29,087.94
ADD RESERVES FROM DEDICATED	\$ 2,374.50	\$ 25,381.58	\$ 0.00
TOTAL ACTUAL INCOME – ACTUAL EXPENSE:	– \$ 21,947.56		– \$ 7,154.62

	Year to Date (as of 4/18/2024)	= Actual + Reserve
PROJECTED & PLEDGED INCOME	\$ 153,214.32	
ACTUAL INCOME RECEIVED	\$ 94,168.29	
PROJECTED MINUS ACTUAL INCOME = RCVD DIFFERENCE	– \$ 59,046.03	
CURRENT EXPENSE ACTUAL	\$ 164,972.63	
ADD RESERVES FROM DEDICATED	\$ 70,975.00	\$ 165,143.29
TOTAL ACTUAL INCOME – ACTUAL EXPENSE:	\$ 170.66	

Our Women's Retreat is Coming Saturday, May 4th

We invite ALL Trinity Church women to join us for a creative and restorative retreat on the Trinity Church campus. OUR COMPASSIONATE GOD is our theme.



Our own Tricia Kelly is our speaker and presenter. She will demonstrate how the Holy Spirit and music inspire her art pieces and how this experience influenced her life and love of Jesus.

We start at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday with a continental breakfast. After worshipping the Lord in song, Tricia will demonstrate her art and encourage us to experiment painting with acrylics. Lunch is included with inspiring table conversation.

Wear comfortable clothing in which you can paint. It's not a tea party but a casual get-together. Please bring yourself, your teenage daughters, friends, and others. We'll enjoy fellowship and time with the Lord. We will finish by 2:00 p.m.

The cost is \$25, and partial scholarships are available. Tickets will be on sale at church after Easter. Talk to Bobette Barfod if you have questions.

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