

TRINITY *Press*

HAPPY EASTER

April 2021

Words from Our Pastor



Rev. Brent Barclay
Pastor

Hello Everyone!

During our church's 40 days of prayer, I got to pray daily with many of our church members. It was such a blessing to hear from many of you about what is on your hearts and minds as we prayed together. I learned very quickly how our church is a church of prayer. Many of you prayed for others' needs and concerns and prayed for our church and world at large.

Prayer is such a wonderful gift from God. Through prayer, we have the opportunity to commune and fellowship with God on a close, intimate, level.

We can bring our joys, sorrows, fears, concerns, and gratitude to God at any time. No other faith

or philosophy has a god or deity that you can approach and talk with, have a relationship with, or come near to.

As I mentioned earlier, it was a big encouragement that so many of you have a heart for others in your prayers. Often we come to God in prayer with our own concerns and obstacles, that we do not leave room to petition for God on behalf of others. So many of you expressed a heart for others. You prayed for those struggling with health or finances, who have wandered away from God in the past, or face an uncertain future. I was very humbled that so many of you pray for my family and me. I cannot express how honored I am to know that many of you think of me so consistently. I continue to pray for our church family often, just as you all do.

As I learn about our church, I have discovered that Trinity Church has many wonderful ways to cover those in need with prayer. We have a text prayer chain that prays for immediate needs and concerns and prays constantly for those who need it. We have a Facebook page where people can post prayer requests for others to read and pray. People send in prayer requests to our office, and we send those out to the church email list. And, of course, we pray in our worship service, allowing those to lift up their prayers. Many people who have visited our church, either in person or on Zoom, have commented on how wonderful it is to have a moment where folks can "unmute" and lift their prayers to God. It is something in this season of Zoom church that has set us apart from other churches.

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The Trinity Press is a publication of Trinity Presbyterian Church located in Spring Valley, California.

Spring has Sprung!

Wow, what a month it has been. Everything from Dr. Seuss week, St. Patrick's day, and accreditation.

Students in kindergarten-second grade celebrated Dr. Seuss by dedicating each day to one of his book themes. For "Fox in Socks," the students wore silly socks. On "Cat in the Hat" day, we saw some really silly hats. We even had "Wacky Wednesday" where their clothes were all topsy turvy.



Pastor Brent came to speak to the middle school students on March 13th. Thank you, Pastor, for your willingness to show love to our school! We truly are blessed to have a pastor that serves the entire church family.



Trinity Christian School (TCS) is duly accredited through Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI). This accreditation validates our practices, procedures, curriculum, and staff. It is a very daunting task to procure accreditations. In preparing our self-study, there was a collaboration between the administration, teaching staff, the school board, and parents who made up teams charged with writing and reporting documentation needed to keep our school accredited. Last March



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As wonderful as this all is, it can be confusing and overwhelming. To whom do I send requests? How do we communicate promptly but not send many, many emails throughout the week? I have talked with the staff, and we have come up with a helpful plan. On Mondays, an email will go out summarizing all the prayer requests lifted up on Sunday. On Thursdays, we will email any additional prayer requests that came into the office during the week. Anything that comes over the weekend will be brought up during the Sunday service. If you have a situation that needs immediate prayer and cannot wait for an email, text it to Ardis Rowland, who heads up the text prayer chain.

She will get it on the prayer chain, and those on it will begin praying immediately!

1 Thessalonians 5:17 states simply, "pray without ceasing". As God loves us so much, God is available at all times to be in conversation with us. The more we are in prayer with God, the more we tune our hearts towards God. I thank God that our church seeks to pray without ceasing, always seeking his heart and will for ourselves, our church, and our world. Continue to pray, pray constantly, and grow in how you pray and about what you pray.

Blessings,
Pastor Brent

(2020), we planned a visit from our accreditation team, then Covid-19 hit. It has been over a year, but they granted us the opportunity to have a virtual visit on March 14th-17th. A team of four educators reviewed all our materials, and because of God's amazing blessing over our school, they recommended another six-year renewal. Thanks be to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ for His favor over our school.



The school board members serve us a wonderful lunch from Lido's restaurant.

The Thursday following our accreditation visit, our sweet school board blessed the entire staff with a luncheon featuring dishes from Lidos restaurant. We were treated to lovely lasagna, splendid salad, glorious garlic bread, and tasty tiramisu. They truly blessed our hearts and tummies. Thank you, TCS School Board for all your love and support.

TCS was "Good and Green for St. Patrick's Day"! All the students could dress in lots of green and rainbows as we celebrated this fun day together.



Kylie Mathistad heads home from the hospital.

Kylie is in and out of the hospital. As you might have heard, our sweet Kylie Mathistad went for a routine checkup on a heart valve she had inserted in preschool. By the grace of God, they found a blockage and infection. Kylie had open-heart surgery on Friday, March 13th, and was home by Wednesday night, March 17th! Miraculously, she is recovering quickly. Kylie

expects to return to school after Spring Break. She needs continued prayers during this time of healing. Thank you all for your prayers and financial support!

Spring Break is around the corner! TCS will be closed from March 29th- April 9th. Prayers for traveling mercies and the health of our school family are appreciated.



CONGRATULATIONS



We celebrate with Peggy Watkins
the marriage of
Paul "PJ" Watkins to Ashley Whealdon
on March 17th at an intimate private
ceremony on Sunset Cliffs.

The couple resides at
627 Green Pointe Ln. • Beaufort SC 29906



Clippers

Ahoy Maties!

It is grand to be back in port. We had our first socially distanced meeting on the patio March 20th, the first day of Spring, in the warm sun!

Chaplain Dick Adams challenged us each to expect a miracle each day. Our guest speaker, Pastor Brent, gave us a rich scriptural presentation of his journey from teenage years to Trinity Church. It was a blessing to us all.

Russ Douglass graciously set up our tables and gave a talk about his Fellowship of Christian Athletes work with North County youth in spite of pandemic conditions.

We hope to have Dr. Nate Landis at our April Fleet meeting. Save the date, April 17th at 12:45 p.m., where we anticipate another good time of fellowship. Until then, may God richly bless you each.

Yer trusty signalman,
Jack, the ancient mariner

Presbyterian Women

Spring has sprung! Can you see it? With the rain, things are getting greener. The roses and the weeds are blooming in my yard! Spring is the season of new beginnings.

We have great hope that things are going to begin changing at Trinity Church soon. That means in-person Gatherings and worship in the sanctuary. We still have tentative plans for a rummage sale the 25th and 26th of June.

The Fall Festival is planned for November 6th and 7th. I have already started to make jams.

Ladies of Trinity Church, start planning for a ONE-DAY HILLTOP RETREAT possibly in October. We will get together for fellowship, study, a meal, and creativity. We are expecting an interesting special guest speaker.

Keep praying for each other and call someone you haven't seen in a while, maybe even me.

Ardis Rowland
Secretary

FROM PASTOR'S REPORT

Emergency Prayer Requests

Contact Ardis Rowland for the Text Prayer Chain.

Mondays

Email sent with the Sunday service prayer requests.

Thursdays

Email sent with the additional prayer requests received during the week.

Contact Rebecca DeBreau at rdebreau@trinitypres.org with your Thursday requests.

Missions Update

Saturday, March 20th, Russ Douglass spoke to Clippers. He outlined all he has been doing during Covid-19. When some of us were not going out, he was meeting weekly with an average of 30 teens from various schools in parks, at the beach, on hikes, and any other place they could get together. They talked and played games. High school rivalries were forgotten. The teens even got together for worship on the beach. He also did a Saturday baseball camp for first through third graders. Five pro baseball players were invited and worked with the kids. After playing, they heard the testimonies of the pros. He will be able to get back into the schools soon and is also planning camps for this summer.

Mary Hopkins, back in Mexico, is getting ready for more classes when possible. She is registered to get the vaccine. She is working on an online workshop in April. She asks prayer for that because it is her first time teaching online.

The Klingforths, after 17 years in Kenya, are returning to the United States in April. They are leaving a well-established team there. They are praying about how the Navigators will use them in the U.S. Please pray for the transition as well as their boys who have never lived in the United States.

We also continue our support and prayer for the Robinsons, the Moyers, and Betty Barnett.

"I said, 'Plant the good seeds of righteousness, and you will harvest a crop of love. Plow up the hard ground of your hearts, for now is the time to seek the Lord, that he may come and shower righteousness upon you."

Hosea 10:12 (NLT)

Greetings Trinity Church Family,

By God's hand, we have met all of our financial obligations, including missions donations. You honor God with your faithfulness, bringing your "crop of love" every month to support the missions and

ministry of Trinity Church. Be on the lookout for your first quarter giving statement. We will send them out in the first week of April. The Finance Committee continues to be watchful and mindful of how to use your gifts to support this property and God's work.

Blessings to you and yours as we prepare to celebrate with joy that Christ is Risen!

Rebecca Casey
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	February Final	March (As of 2/21/2021)	Year to Date 2021 (As of 2/21/2021)
BUDGETED INCOME	\$30,493.39	\$30,493.47	\$ 91,480.33
ACTUAL INCOME	\$24,033.85	\$22,061.56	\$ 72,198.02
DIFFERENCE	– \$ 6,459.54	– \$ 8,431.91	– \$19,282.31
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$ 27,981.38	\$ 14,456.53	\$ 79,910.32
INCOME – EXPENSE	– \$ 3,947.53	\$ 7,605.03	\$ 7,712.30

Thank You!

From Mishon Wallace: Thank you all for praying for me in January and February as I was in the hospital and then home recovering from Covid-19. Knowing you were lifting me up in prayer was a tremendous comfort and a blessing.

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WE'RE TOGETHER IN THE SANCTUARY!

- **Wear a mask!**
- **We will take your temperature.**
- **You will need to social distance.**
- **Bring your hymnals!**
- **We will continue to be on Zoom for those who are uncomfortable coming in person.**



LABYRINTH • Friday, April 2nd

12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

5:00 p.m.

At the rocks • Bring your own chair

Zoom will be available

Easter Sunrise Service

6:15 a.m.

At the rocks • Bring your own chair

NO Breakfast served • No Zoom available

Regular Easter Service

9:30 a.m.

In the Sanctuary! Please wear a mask and be prepared to social distance.

Zoom will be available

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