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Words from Our Pastor | Thoughts on Lent



Rev. Brent Barclay | Pastor

But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." Genesis 3:4

From the time of Adam and Eve in the Garden, God's creation has faced the temptation of being like God. And from the earliest of times, God's creation has given into that temptation.

The temptation is not to be like God in terms of copying and reflecting God's compassion, heart for others, a willingness to forgive, or humbly serve. No, this is wanting or desiring God's power, God's authority, to know all that God knows. The serpent tempts us to know what God knows, and therefore we have the power that God has.

Throughout human history, people tried to accumulate and gain God's power. We see the world leaders, kings, military leaders, who attempted to have the power of God, the authority of God, even be called gods, or in their minds become a god. Many religions teach the idea that you, too, can become a god, or have a power similar to God, that you can become immortal, conquering your threat of death and extinction.

And it's with these thoughts that Christians turn to Lent.

Lent is the time where we prepare and reflect on the life of Jesus Christ, what Jesus taught us, and ultimately, what Jesus did for us. While people idolize those who triumph through conquering their enemies in warfare or destruction, Jesus did something different. Jesus bore the victory in sacrifice, his death.



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Because Jesus sacrificed himself, he took on all our sins. Jesus did not wage war on our enemies because that would be waging war upon ourselves! It is our sin, our desire to have the power of God, that has made us our own worst enemy, our reason for being in a broken relationship with God. So, Jesus took on our sin and put it to death.

But then he rose. He rose from the dead and conquered death and defeated it. No other religion, world power, or philosophy has shown victory and might through sacrifice. While the world talks about authority and conquering death by avoiding it, escaping it, or simply outliving their enemies, Jesus embraced surrender and willingly went to the cross.

As we approach Lent, it is not a bad or shameful thing to acknowledge our time on earth is limited. Because of the cross, we celebrate we have a life after this, a life spent in eternity enjoying the presence of God. We do not fear death and thus do not need to cheat death into becoming like a god. Instead, we worship the God who created, forgave, and redeemed us.

This Lent season, when you see people chasing god-like dreams of power and riches, embrace Jesus, who showed us true love through service, sacrifice, and redemption.

Pastor Brent Barclay



Missions | Update

A note from Steve Robinson

“Just last year, the New Testament translation project was finally completed and sent to the publishers. Well, my friends, this past December, 20,000 copies of the newly printed Piraroa New Testament were distributed in one of the larger Piraroa, Venezuela communities. Thousands came from up to 300 miles away to get their own copy of God’s Word in their heart language. People made banners and paraded through the streets of the village. Can you imagine being this excited about having God’s Word in your hands? This story is so special to me because I had made so many good friends among the Piraroa men in the various villages I flew to. Knowing now that they have the New Testament in their own language fills my heart to overflowing and is a great encouragement to me.”

In Other News

Russ Douglass is building his Board. They will work on fundraising. He is doing baseball camps with elementary school children.

It was good to see Mary Hopkins in church on President’s Day weekend. She continues to work with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Mexico from home in Tucson. She reports that her mother, Alice, is doing much better. I have a long letter from her I would be glad to share with more details of her Wycliffe work.

All of our missionaries continue to express to us their gratitude for our prayers and support.

Ardis Rowland
Missions Elder



Spring is
Here!

Trinity Christian School | Let's See What We Can Do in 2022!



Missionaries from Uganda!

Our Trinity Christian School (TCS) families are such servants! One family, in particular, prayerfully decided to leave sunny

SoCal and move across the globe to Uganda. Because they are on a short leave, we had the opportunity to have them come and speak in both chapels. Mike, Kacie, Winnie, Piper, and Boston Forrest serve the beautiful Ugandan people. Kacie is a labor and delivery nurse and teaches mothers and doctors how to bring breath back into the babies. She also serves as a nurse at their local hospital. Mike is a teacher at a nearby Christian school. He also preaches. The kids love their new home. They

feel like they live in a huge park! Please keep this family in your prayers as they continue to spread the good news!

Valentines Day

Love was in the air as students celebrated St. Valentine's Day. They dressed in sweet outfits of red and pink. Several of the classes made goodies which they shared with their classmates. They also created beautiful boxes to collect Valentine cards. It was a "sweet day"!

Black History Month

Our entire school has been buzzing with excitement over Black History Month. They celebrated by studying prominent members of the black community, such as Sojourner Truth and George Washington Carver. Many grades made works of art depicting Martin Luther King, Jr. Mrs. Hughes' class made an eclectic bulletin board,



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Black History Month. Above: Mrs. Hughes' class made an eclectic Black History Month bulletin board, putting all their art together to make one gorgeous picture. Left: More Black History month artwork.



putting all their art together to make one gorgeous picture. To top off the events, we had our very own Mr. Leigh Taylor come and share “God Made Me and You” by Shai Linne. This tale discusses how we are all different and have different stories. But, we are all created by God, and we should rejoice in that! Thank you, Lord, for how creative You are in making humans!

100th Day of School

Can you believe that we have already been in school for 100 days?! Time sure flies when you are having fun ... oh and learning too! Kindergarten, first grade, and second grade came dressed in their pajamas. Some even made fun T-shirts to commemorate the day. There was lots of counting and giggling throughout the day.

Germs, Germs, Germs

They are tiny, they are wiggly, and they're EVERYWHERE! Our wiggly preschoolers learned about keeping harmful germs at bay. Sharon McDonnell, M.P.H., epidemiologist

and mom of four, came to share with our students about different germs and how our bodies can fight them off. (She even has stuffed toys that look like actual germs! (Giardia was Mrs. Warren's favorite.) The preschoolers did a great job asking and answering questions about staying healthy! Thank you, Mrs. McDonnell!

We're Goin' on a Prayer Walk

TCS is committed to the leading of the Lord! We are always seeking guidance and wisdom from His leading. So, one of our Friday Chapels consisted of going on a school-wide prayer walk! The classes had stations around the school where they prayed over different grades and topics. The Lord moved greatly during this time, and it was a blessing to both the students and the staff!

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Above: All dressed up for Valentines Day!
Right: Wearing pajamas on the 100th day of school.



Below: Mrs. Warren's favorite germ, Giardia.



Above and below: On our prayer walk.



Clippers



Ahoy Mates,

The good clipper ship HMS Trinity will dock at its home port on Saturday, March 19th, at 1245 hours. We will go ashore for a hearty potluck lunch and a rich time of fellowship.

Our meeting in February was blessed by a godly challenge from Lois Adams to be a praying church and to have a knowledge of what is going on in the world, followed by an inspiring presentation by our very own Elder, Kirk Drummond. He inspired us to breathe life into the dead and to let others see Jesus in us. We were blessed by

his testimony of growing up in a Christian home, leaving Jesus to do life his way and how Jesus brought him back to the faith, committing his life to God and obeying the Holy Spirit's leadership. We were blessed and encouraged by his testimony.

Our March presentation will be from Kris Scarborough, representing Forest Home Bible Camp. We will learn a lot of information we did not know about the ministry of Forest Home. Come and be with us.

As for you swabs who have been AWOL, come on back, we miss you.

Yer trusty signalman,
Jack, the ancient mariner

Presbyterian Women

Spring is coming officially on March 20th. It can't come too soon. Time is also moving on for the Presbyterian Women's year.

This month's Gathering for all of Trinity Church's women and their guests is on March 8th, at 9:30 a.m. in Williams Hall. We will be continuing our Bible study in John led by Linda Hensley. The program is with Barbara Chevez, the Director of MOMS, a military family support group. This month we are asking everyone to bring baby supplies, diapers, wipes, etc. A tasty lunch will follow.

I hope you are all cleaning out those drawers and closets. The Rummage Sale will be June 24th through the 26th. Our collection and set-up is on June 22nd and 23rd. Last of all, if any of you can't wait until November for jellies and jams, Ardis Rowland is open to orders anytime for fruits that are in season. The price will be \$5.00 for a half pint jar. All proceeds go to missions.

Financial Update | How Are We Doing?

“Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.” 1 Peter 4:8-10

Greetings, Trinity Church Family!

By God’s hand, we have been able to meet all of our financial obligations including our missions donations in February.

You honor God with your faithfulness, bringing your donations regularly to support the missions and ministry of Trinity Church.

As you prepare for the tax deadline in April, please let me know if you need a giving statement for 2021. Also, if you donate through your IRA account; please remember to make sure your name is on all donations given directly through your IRA account to Trinity Church.

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	January 2022 Final	February 2022 (As of 2/28/2022)	Year-to-Date (As of 2/28/2022)
BUDGETED INCOME	\$ 64,310.52	\$ 33,067.05	\$ 97,377.57
ACTUAL INCOME	\$ 57,267.26	\$ 27,940.63	\$ 85,207.29
DIFFERENCE	– \$ 7,043.26	– \$ 5,126.42	– \$ 12,170.28
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$ 39,304.19	\$ 48,117.00	\$ 87,421.19
INCOME – EXPENSE	\$ 17,963.07	– \$20,176.37	– \$ 2,213.90

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME



**Turn Your clocks
AHEAD
on Saturday
night,
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