February 2016



Trinity News

Trinity Church of Spring Valley, California News of Events on the Hill

Words from Pastor

As we look at this New Year let me share with you 10 things I believe about our Church.

- I believe the potential for our church to do good and create positive change in the world is greater than it has ever been. Why? Because we are united as we have ever been in the last 26 years.
- 2. I believe that the Root of the desire to do good and create positive change in the world has to be the Gospel. And if it isn't, what will develop is cool ministry fads and ideas, but nothing revolutionary that will impact the world. So I call upon all of you to think about something new that we aren't doing right now, lead that new idea, and help it be birthed into a new ministry here at Trinity.
- 3. I believe that some of the greatest Christian leaders that the world will ever know are currently in elementary school, middle school, and high school thus making youth and children's ministry one of the greatest mission opportunities that our church can invest in.
- 4. I believe that more and more church leaders are going to begin to take radical steps of faith rather than trying to repair broken systems.

- 5. I believe that more and more of our church leaders (you know who you are) are going to put personal preferences of ministry aside and work together with other people to accomplish more ministry than they could ever do alone.
- 6. I believe that we are going to see some of the greatest movements of God this world has ever seen in the next 20 years. Most of them happening because the local church finally decides to step up and be the church.
- 7. I believe God wants to use our church to do unbelievable things in our community in this place where he has planted us.
- I believe the key to a healthy church is ahealthy church leadership. Leaders cannot fly at the speed of sound and expect to hear God's still small voice. The healthier we get, the healthier our churches can be.
- 9. I believe that if all leaders took the advice God gave us in Galatians 6:9 "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Doing this we will see breakthroughs like we have never seen before.

10. And, I believe God has called us to change the world... not complain about it! We are an empowered body of believed whom He has called to attempt the "impossible" so that people can see Him! So, Trinity, what is that thing that you know you should do next for the Kingdom of God?

In His Adventure,

Pastor Randy Yenter randy@trinitypres.org (619) 465-3011 x105

Words from our Financial Administrator

Happy January Trinity Family- With your help and faithfulness, we closed December 2015 meeting all of our financial obligations, including our Missionary donations, and having what seems like a bounty leftover to start 2016. Praise God! I want to thank you all for praying for God's grace on the finances of Trinity Church, His mercy has seen us through many changes this year, with many on the horizon.

For His sake, and to further His kingdom we give, in Isaiah 41:10, I believe we hear His wisdom for us at Trinity, **"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."**

We are humbled by His help this year, and your commitment to give, beyond Tithes and Offerings. As of this writing, we have received an astounding, \$56,720.00 towards our Discernment PCUSA buyout fund! That leaves us only \$18,280.00 short of our \$75,000 buy-out goal. ... "I will strengthen you and help you....." indeed, beyond our tiny, earthly dreams. Thank you Father.

For more on the 2015 and 2016 Trinity finances, please plan to attend our Congregational Meeting on Sunday January 31st. I am trusting that we as a church are doing our due diligence for the 2016 budget, and the Lord will provide and lead us the rest of the way!

	Dec. 2015 (Final)	Year to Date thru 12/31/15	Jan. 2016 (to Date 1/22)	Year to Date 2016
Budgeted Income:	\$35,846.28	\$430,155.25	\$36,729.49	\$36,729.49
Actual Income:	\$45,988.96	\$469,483.59	\$21,711.10	\$21,711.10
Difference	\$10,142.68	\$ 39,328.34	-\$15,018.39	-\$15,018.39
Current Expense:	\$32,217.37	\$403,079.76	\$ 21,312.77	\$21,312.77
Income – Expense:	\$13,771.59	\$ 66,403.83	\$ 398.33	\$ 398.33

God's Grace to you!

Financial Administrator Rebecca Casey <u>rebecca@trinitypres.org</u> (619) 465-3011 x108

Words from our Young Adult Ministries Director

We had a wonderful turn-out for our family dinner night at Robato Grill. Our next family dinner night will be on February 21st at 6 p.m. We will be going to the Ackee Tree The Real Jamaican Cuisine on 5712 El Cajon Blvd., San Diego, CA 92115 between 58th St. and El Cerrito Dr. In Rolando.

If you are interested in going with us to Monster Jam on Saturday Feb. 6th, we need you to talk to me or pastor right away. We have 15 people signed up for tickets so far.

Also on Feb. 7th, we will be having our Super Bowl Party. The doors open at 2:30 p.m. and the game starts at 3:30 p.m. This is potluck-style, so bring your favorite game-day dish, and we will provide some food and drinks.

College group is looking deeper into the knowability of God and our prayer life. We looked at Dick Eastman's prayer guide and the need for prayer in our lives. I challenged them to pray an hour a day at the minimum. This month, we will be looking at studying the Bible, overcoming sin and one other topic to be determined. On the Feb. 21st, there will be a movie day/bbq at my house for the college group.

Thank you all for your continued prayer while I am in seminary. I just finished my month-long class called Discipleship in Community, which I passed with flying colors. I will now be in two main classes starting Tuesday, and continuing until the middle of May - Theology 2 and a Spiritual and Personal Formation Class. Both of these classes have a huge work load, a large amount of reading, and lots papers to write.

> Jon Yenter Young Adult Ministries <u>jon@trinitypres.org</u> (619) 519-1578

Words from our Youth Director

For the month of January, Inside Out Youth Ministry began Alpha youth. This is much like Alpha that the church does, but is geared towards youth and is a whole new video. We still play a game and participate in Simply Church, but now more of our time is focused on completing the Alpha video. I am encouraging the students to bring someone who may not know much about the Christian faith, or is "on the fence" about believing or not. We have had two sessions so far. The students continue to interact well and are asking some good questions. We also began student leadership training. Four youth are being trained and are in charge of various parts of making the group run. on 01/23/16, we had a mini-retreat for the individuals who could attend. This retreat included cleaning up the youth room (ownership of the room), doing yard work at Mrs. VanNortwick's home (serving others), and having some fun at the Boardwalk at Parkway Bowl (fellowship). The leaders will be helping me plan each month, reach out for personal mentors, and also be the welcome party for current and new students in the group. I'm really excited to start this new journey with the student leaders and my hope is to have a group led by students (with staff supervision and ongoing support of course!)

For the Love Thy Neighbor Project, we continue to go to Brighton Place to sing worship songs, visit the residents, and play games. "Thank you to John Barry and Paul Shepersky for leading worship this month and for the participants who are now also inviting others to join us. It's really wonderful to see more people provide a fellowship/worship experience to the residents. We also went downtown, which was much cleaner than the previous month. One group walked the streets to hand out water and donuts, while the other group

stayed by the vehicles to hand out hygiene packs and warm clothing. Thank you to the Clippers, whose donated money and jackets have helped to increase the number of items we are able to purchase for the hygiene packs, which included emergency ponchos. With the money, we are able to purchase the items for hygiene packs for another few months, which is a huge blessing. There was a man who was looking for size 13 sneakers and we met a family- father, mother, and 2 young children-(a 6 year old and 3 year old.) The children and mother stay in shelters at night. The father, discharged from the military, stays in a tent at night. He explained that they may have a permanent place to stay soon. They had lots of food and were seen returning from the grocery store with many bags. Although their clothes were dirty, the children seemed happy and were playing with small toys. They also played with Logan for the short time we were there. I would appreciate your prayers for this family, that God would protect them and provide the healthiest, safest, and most beneficial environment for them. I thank you for your continued prayers and donations.

> Erica Yenter Youth Director <u>erica@trinitypres.org</u> (619) 465-3011

Children's Ministries Director

"Souper Bowl of Caring" is Sunday, February 7th. Trinity Christian School children and Trinity Church have been collecting nonperishable goods to be donated to the San Diego Rescue Mission, in conjunction with Souper Bowl of Caring. In addition, the Sunday school children will be collecting money after both services on February 7th. "Souper Bowl of caring" began more than 25 years ago with a simple prayer, "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat." Since that day, more than \$100 million has been raised for local charities across the country! I thank you in advance for donating generously to help the homeless and those in need in San Diego! Children's Ministry is always looking for new teachers to help with Sunday school, Kids Kingdom

and special events. We are especially in need of help in preschool class. This is not an every week commitment, and I am looking for helpers, as well, as a teacher. We can work around your schedule. If you feel the Lord calling you, please contact me either at church on Sunday, or by calling the church office.

Kids Kingdom continues! The Kids Kingdom program took a few weeks off for Christmas vacation but we are back and meeting again! We meet on Wednesday from 3:00pm- 6:00pm for crafts, games, Bible study, dinner, music and fellowship. All children in preschool through fifth grade are invited. Our themes for February are "Souper Bowl of Caring", Valentines, Teacher Appreciation Day and Nerd for God's Word Day! If you would like more information on the Kids Kingdom program please contact Debbie White in the church office, (619) 465-3011 x107 Blessings,

> Debbie White <u>debbie@trinitypres.org</u> Children's Ministry Director (619) 465-3011 x107

Words from our Principals

February is the start of Trinity Christian School's open registration for students who are not currently enrolled. We want to remind you that church members are afforded a 20% discount on their tuition. Please let people know about Trinity Christian School. There is information in the kiosk in Williams Hall and in the office. The website is trinitycs.org.

Family Dinner Night Out for this month will be held on Monday, February 8th at the Panera in La Mesa. Everyone is welcome! You will find flyers in the bulletin that should be turned in with your check in order for the school to get a percentage of the profit for that evening. It's always a joy to share an evening and a meal with family and friends.

School will be closed on Monday, February th 15 for Presidents Day.

The school and church are participating in Souper Bowl for Caring. We will be collecting nonperishable food items that will be turned in at chapel on Friday, February 5th. This is a long standing tradition that we have shared in over the years and have jointly collected over 1,600 pounds of non-perishables. It will be delivered to the San Diego Rescue Mission after the Super Bowl. I understand the church will collect items until Sunday, February 7th.

The preschool held its annual Trike-a-Thon for Children's Hospital. The brightly decorated bikes and jazzy music set the tone for a fun event which is often a memory maker for all involved.

> Trinity Christian School Principals Sharon Axe and Jimmie Drummond <u>principal@trinitycs.org</u> (619) 462-6440

EXOTIC PLANT SOCIETY

The group will meet on Tuesday, January 26th at 7 p.m.in the Trinity Conference Room. Garden subjects discussed. Plant exchange. If you are interested in plants you are welcome. Need more information, please contact Julanna Loveberg at (619) 466-2907

> NEXT PRESS DEADLINE IS: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21st! You can send your articles via e-mail to: yasmin@trinitypres.org Thank You! In His Service, yasmin@trinitypres.org Trinity Church Office Administrator (619) 465-3011x103



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- <u>February 2nd</u> At 9:30a.m. we will be having our monthly Board Meeting in Ward Center.
- February 9th2nd Tuesday Gathering
Bible Study & Business
Meeting
Program: Installation of
Officers & Sing along
with John Barry12:00p.m.Luncheon by Circle 2,
you are invited
- February 16thAt 9:30 a.m.Crafts in Ward CenterCircle 3 at DebbieTorres' Home at 6pm
- **February 23rd.** At 9:30 a.m. Circle 1 & 2 will meet at Jackie Van Dyne's Home

MILITARY OUTREACH MINISTRY:

Our military men and women and their families need our support and prayers. Deployments are frequent and long and they can be very dangerous. This ministry's purpose is to provide faith-based help to these enlisted personnel in their daily living by supplying groceries, small home furnishing, counseling, etc.

For more details, please go to

<u>www.sandiegomom.org</u> or call the MOM **Office** at (619) 461 - 4164 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Trinity Church representatives are Michelle Woodard,

Elder, (619) 469 – 4598 and Cherie Klaiber (619) 463 - 7123.

Your Trinity Church representatives are Michele Woodard (elder) at (619) 469-4598 and Cherie Klaiber (619)463-7123

Trinity Clippers

Please join us on February 20th for our February program. Our speakers will be Rebecca DeBreau, who will share her Albania mission trip with us, and Erica Yenter, providing insight about our youth and their mission on the streets. Please bring T-shirts and raingear to the February fleet meeting for donation to the homeless.

We meet at 5:45 p.m. for a fantastic 6:00 p.m. potluck dinner. GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. Please contact Pat Palmore at (619)444-6736 or Barbara Gilbert at (619)704-5139 for further information.



Pine Valley Bible Conference Center CA

- Join your sisters in Christ for a weekend of Bible Study, Worship, Prayer, Fun, Food, & Hikes
- Speaker: Gail Bones
- "Constant Change, Constant God"
- Sign up in Williams Hall between church services
- Early registration\$135 by March 13 Later registration \$140
- Saturday only \$50
- All money must be in by March 20.





Dear Church Family,

Huge thank you to the "Army of Servants" that descended upon

our little house and transformed it in a day! We are deeply grateful for your love in action! I was struck by the joy and laughter that accompanied your work and how you made a work project a work *party*! The neighbors commented in awe regarding the steady stream of helpers! You were a wonderful testimony to the love of the Family of God! You gave us hope that God will see us through this difficult time! I know that we can never repay you, but we know you were serving Jesus, and are confident that He will bless you abundantly!!!

Marlin and Grace VanNortwick, Luke and C.C.

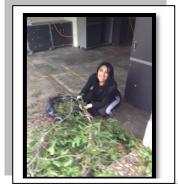




"Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love." Ephesians 6:24



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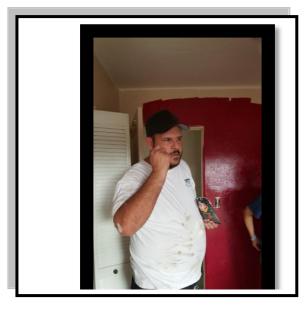










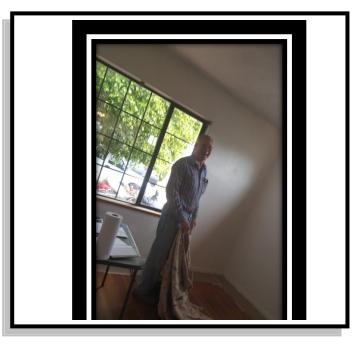






And we know that in ALL things GOD works for the GOOD of those who LOVE Him, who have been CALLED according to His purpose. (Romans8:28)





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Trinity Christian School Principals: Sharon Axe/Jimmie Drummond principal@trinitycs.org

TRINITY'S MISSION

The mission of Trinity Church is to introduce people of East County To Jesus Christ and together experience the living presence of God.

