



July/August 2023

Words from Our Pastor | If God is for Us ...



Rev. Brent Barclay | Pastor

Greetings Everyone!

This past month, my family had the joy and privilege of attending a family camp at Forest Home. I first went to Forest Home as a college student for a weekend retreat and had a great time. In the years since, I took elementary, middle, and high school students to summer and winter camps for the next 15 years. This past month was my first visit back in almost ten years.

It was such a blessing being there with my family. My children participated in summer camp activities while my wife and I attended marriage workshops. We swam in the pools and lake in the afternoons and enjoyed other fun activities. In the evenings, babysitters attempted to put our children to bed while my wife and I attended worship services every night. As someone who preaches every Sunday, this was a blessing!

It just so happens that the theme verse of Summer Camp was Romans 8:31, my favorite Bible verse. I have it on the wall above my desk. *If God is for us, who can be against us?*

Such a simple phrase, yet there is such power in the truth behind its words. God is truly for you. God is on your side, in your corner. He is your biggest supporter, ultimate motivator, cheerleader, and mentor. If God is truly for you, then nothing is truly against you.

You might face obstacles and difficulties. You might have rivals, competitors, and even enemies! But this verse tells us that the power and might of those forces seemingly against you are nothing compared to the power of God that is for you.

You may remember the phrase declared on school yards, "My dad can beat up your dad!" As children, we used the strength of our parents as a shield, knowing that

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we could be brave because of what we had behind us. Well, think of how brave you can be, knowing that God is behind you, protecting you as you step out in adventure and bravery.

We often get caught up in what could go wrong, what can defeat us, stop us in our tracks, or prevent us from success. We can forget what is behind us, ahead of us, and around us, and that is the power of God.

We know that God is powerful, but we often think we have to earn that power and be on God's good side for him to protect us. But then this verse reminds us God is

all ready for us! Right now, God is for you. No matter what you think about yourself, God is for you. No matter what you are struggling with, God is for you. No matter what enemies or forces you perceive are trying to stop you, God is for you.

May we boldly venture into a world that is not for us, knowing the all-powerful, all-loving, all-present God is for us, pushing everything aside, leaving nothing against us in our way to fully serve and love God.

Blessings,
Pastor Brent Barclay



**Fun at Forest Home
Family Camp**

Youth Ministry | Plans for the Summer and Fall

For the past two months, the youth group worked through Bible studies on perseverance and determination. We have been steady in our attendance with our core group. I believe this momentum will continue in the summer and fall. As a result, I am excited to start a Sunday youth group beginning in the fall. I plan on doing a fun summer activity with the youth group in August, probably a theme park trip. Please feel free to contact me if you are interested in volunteering or have a student who might be interested in the youth group.

On a personal note, thank you all for your prayers for our son, Wyatt. He was born with hip dysplasia on both hips. He needs to wear a brace, and in a couple of weeks, Emily and I will have to choose whether to do surgery for him. Please continue praying for Wyatt.

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Trinity Christian School | The Last Days of School

Follow-up from May

Did you know our Serve-a-Thon goal was \$30,000, and our students brought in \$37,000? Because we made our goal, Principal Jimmie Drummond and Associate Principal Jamie Warren got drenched in green gooey slime! Eeew! Check out the pictures!

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Blessing Dinner

Trinity Christian School (TCS) has a tradition of bringing all our graduating eighth-grade students together to bless them on their upcoming high school journey. Students arrived to see a beautiful tablescape of blue and white linens adorned with sunflowers. We ate an Italian meal along with sweet treats. Teachers spoke a blessing over individual students and shared a scripture with them. Then, parents and students found an area to read letters to each other, concluding a meaningful evening for all.

Patriotic Chapel

Every year TCS takes the opportunity to bless our veteran and active military community with a Patriotic Chapel. Students learned historical, patriotic melodies

and performed songs from “The Star Spangled Banner” to “America the Beautiful.” Students also recited orations about what makes America unique.

To top everything off, we commissioned Chief Joe Pisano, a local artist, to create an art piece commemorating the day. He worked with students to make a flag surrounded by the hands and prayers of TCS students. They crafted each hand with screws of varying sizes, shapes, and colors. The piece was titled “United in Prayer.” We will display it at TCS for years to come. This piece is truly remarkable and deeply blessed our TCS community. You can view Chief Pisano’s other artwork at Liberty Station. He will also have a large depiction of Jesus at the Del Mar Fair. Thank you to Chief Pisano for all his hard work.



Above and left: During the Patriotic Chapel, we unveiled the artwork created by Chief Pisano and various TCS students.

Right: The artwork created by Chief Pisano and our students and how they did it.



Talent Show

The Talent Show is a yearly staple here at TCS. It is a fun way for students to showcase their talents and encourage others in their endeavors. This year we saw a variety of acts, including a comedy with the Calvert brothers, who had us all laughing. Several students participated by playing piano with themes from recent movies and songs played at weddings. We even had a surprise act from Mr. Joe Burke, who stole the stage by singing karaoke and dancing. The crowd roared with excitement as each act performed. It was a wonderful afternoon.

Sports Day

Sports Day is an annual event where classes split into teams and rotate through fun campus-wide activities. Mrs. Nichols had a rock painting station with vibrant colors and patterns. Mrs. Hughes set up a CrossFit course with

weights and heavy ropes. Mrs. Boaz had a bubble station. We even got to play water balloon volleyball. There were nine stations in total. Everyone had such a great time.

Graduation

It is always hard to say goodbye to our TCS eighth-grade students, but we must. This year's class of 2023 graduated nine boys and six girls. Some of these students have been at TCS for 12 years! The class sang, "I Trust in God." They also shared their upcoming plans for high school and favorite TCS memories. Will Warren, the father of Gradie Warren, shared a charge to the students to keep in tune with the Lord. The TCS staff prayed over the students. A reception put on by the seventh-grade class followed the graduation. It was a wonderful send-off.

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Sports Day

Below: Graduation



Clippers



Ahoy Mates.
The good clipper ship HMS Trinity will be at sea until September 16th, when it will dock at Williams Hall again, as long as no careless swab shoots an albatross. We are counting on fair winds and following seas.

For our June meeting, Dick Adams gave our devotion, and Paul Robinson gave a marvelous presentation on faith. We all left knowing more than we did when we came.

At our September meeting, we will hold our annual auction. **We want to invite**

the congregation to the auction. If you have anything that your shipmates may treasure more than you do, bring it along. The money we raise, we contribute to our missionaries. The mess decks open at 12:45 p.m. Bring something good to eat and a guest. All are welcome.

Thank you all for contributing to Sox Sunday. Urban Ministries appreciated our three bags full. **They could use clean or new tees, shirts, and shoes (no need to polish them). Our next Sox Sunday is July 30th.**

Yer trusty signalman,

Jack, the ancient mariner

Presbyterian Women

We want to first report on the Rummage Sale. This year we were blessed with overwhelming donations. It took us two days to unload, arrange everything, and price it. Thanks to every one of you who made the sale a success. So far, the total is approximately \$3,300, with outstanding funds still to be collected.

Next to come is the Fall Festival on November 4th and 5th. Trinity Church's ladies have been working on crafts and will continue throughout the summer every Tuesday morning in Ward Center at 9:30 a.m. Crafters and craft ideas are needed.

Call Ardis Rowland at 619-813-5810 with questions or ideas.

Our next Presbyterian Women's Gathering will begin on September 12th at 9:30 a.m. in Williams Hall. We will have a video Bible study with a program we will announce later, followed by a delicious lunch. Please bring a friend and join us.

Ardis Rowland
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Financial Update | How Are We Doing?

“I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.” Psalm 34:1 KJV

Dear Trinity Church Family,

Summer is officially here, and half the year is behind us! The Lord is providing for our needs. Thank you for your faithful giving. We are grateful we have been able to cover all of our financial obligations to date. Please remember Trinity Church’s ministry relies on your support over the summer.

We will send out your second quarterly statement soon. Review your statement. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. Enjoy a wonderful summer.

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	May 2023 Final	June 2023 (as of 6/22/2023)	Year-to-Date (as of 6/22/2023)
PROJECTED & PLEDGED INCOME	\$ 27,154.36	\$ 27,154.36	\$ 162,926.12
ACTUAL INCOME RECEIVED	\$ 45,579.53	\$ 14,812.52	\$ 165,095.16
PROJECTED MINUS ACTUAL INCOME RCVD DIFFERENCE	\$ 18,425.17	– \$ 12,341.84	\$ 2,169.04
CURRENT EXPENSE ACTUAL	\$ 48,928.84	\$ 24,360.96	\$ 225,518.16
TOTAL ACTUAL INCOME – ACTUAL EXPENSE:	– \$ 3,349.31	– \$ 9,548.44	– \$ 60,423.00

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Our July 2nd Picnic & Barbeque

We are excited to announce our upcoming July 2nd celebration and picnic following the service. We will meet in Williams Hall and the patio lunch area to enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs, and delicious food brought by our members. A bonus: homemade ice cream by Sue Walters!

We will have games and the opportunity to build your own sundae!

The church will provide meat, buns, condiments, and beverages. We need volunteers for set-up and clean-up. Contact Nona to volunteer. See you there!

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