

# TRINITY PRESS



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** January 2022

## Words from Our Pastor | Lessons Learned



**Rev. Brent Barclay** | Pastor

### Happy New Year Everyone!

A lot of people really get into the spirit of a new year. It is the idea that we leave a section of the past behind and move forward into a new time. A new year means new hopes, new dreams. It also means putting in the past bad memories or bad times. The new year allows us time and space to look backward reflectively and also look forward with expectation. For me, I look back at my first full year as pastor of Trinity Church. I look back at all the highs and lows, the joys and the challenges. I look back at meeting all of you, seeing things in our church for the first time, and all the positive memories I made. I also look back at the challenges, mostly brought with Covid. I look back at preaching to an empty sanctuary with only

a camera. I look back at all the protocols we followed, all the shifting changes in policy. But more than anything, I look back at the division, arguing, and posturing our society took, even in our church.

But I also look forward. I hope we will welcome our new daughter, Hannah, into the world this spring! I look forward to furthering our relationships with each other. I look to Covid dissipating and anger and division reducing.

Maybe you do not think that January 1st is a hard and fast, turn the page, date. Maybe, you have different seasons where you move from one thing to the next. I know from working in youth ministry for many years, the seasons changed with the school year,



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not January 1st. No matter when it happens, we all have seasons and times where we look back while at the same time looking forward.

This idea of understanding the past, and knowing that as we move forward, there's a change, is biblical. In the Bible, we have many things that are 'new', and one of them is ourselves in the form of the new creation.

2 Corinthians 5:16-19 *So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view.*

*Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,*

*the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.*

Paul writes that when we became Christians, we became a new creation. We said goodbye to our old life and our

old way of thinking, and we looked ahead to our new way of thinking. The old way was one of selfishness and personal gain above all else. The new way of thinking is seeing others as God sees them, seeing ways to help others rather than always looking at ourselves.

So as you look back, while also looking forward, remember that at the same time, you live in the new creation. Maybe as you look back, you see where you followed this and sought to serve others. Maybe, you look back and see where you failed. As we enter into a new year, may you look forward, seeing opportunities to live in the new creation, furthering

your understanding and practice of seeing the world and people as God sees them: worthy of forgiveness, worthy of your time and respect, and worthy of receiving the Gospel.

Blessings,  
Pastor Brent Barclay



*Happy New Year!*

# Missions Update

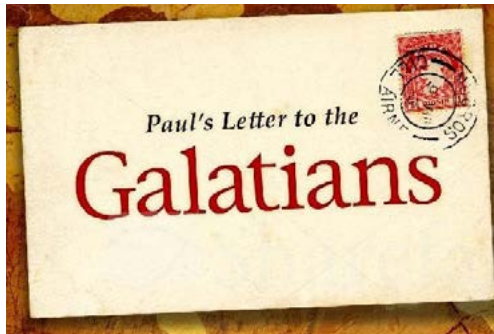
We have supported our missionaries well this year. As I hear from them throughout the year, each one asks to have their thanks and gratitude relayed to Trinity Church, not only for the financial support but also for our prayers. As the year proceeds, I try to keep you up-to-date on each one as I hear from them. Each missionary has an email address, so if you would like to communicate personally with them, let me know.

As a reminder, here are our missionaries:

- Steve and Debbie Robinson with Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF). They live in Nampa, Idaho.
- Betty Barnett lives in Colorado Springs, Colorado. She works with Youth with a Mission (YWAM)
- Mary Hopkins is with Wycliffe Bible Translators. She lives in Tucson, Arizona.
- The Moyer family is with World Team. They live in France.
- Russ Douglass works with the San Diego Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

Clippers and Presbyterian Women also support these missionaries with their own fundraisers. Clippers sponsors Travis and Lydia Klingforth. They are with Navigators and have recently returned to the U.S. and now live in Chula Vista. With our support and prayers, we each have a significant part in these ministries.

Ardis Rowland  
Mission Elder



## PRECEPT UPON PRECEPT BIBLE STUDY

***We return January 10, 2022!***

We are studying ***Galatians*** this year. We meet each Monday morning from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Ward Center. The class and book are free. **Questions?** Call Bobette Barfod at 310-365-0715 or Linda Hensley at 619-884-1374.



# Trinity Christian School | CHRISTmas is in the Air!



**T**rinity Christian School is blessed with a heart for worship, and we were so glad to get to perform our Christmas programs this year.

Preschool performed “Who is Coming to our House”

on December 9th. It is a sweet play about the animals at the stable. They are preparing for the coming King, and they all have special jobs to do. Each student got the opportunity to speak their part into the mic! They sang “Away in a Manger,” “Mary Had a Little Lamb,” “O What a Glorious Night.” Giggles and “Awws” filled the air as the kids sang and performed sign language.

Under the leadership of David Crowle, Kindergarten-eighth grade also performed this Christmas season. Kindergarten through second grade performed on

Tuesday, December 7th. They were so cute in their red tutus and bowties. Wearing ugly Christmas sweaters, the third-fifth grades performed on Tuesday, December 14th. Lastly, Middle School performed on Thursday, December 16th, wearing a classic black and white with fun Christmas socks. The groups performed “Angels We Have Heard on High,” “Ode to Joy,” “All Hail King Jesus,” “Doxology,” and “Joy to the World.” Several students accompanied Mr. Crowle by playing violin, piano, guitar, and drums. They worked very hard as a team, and it was a beautiful picture of what the Lord can do even through middle schoolers. It is amazing to see our students worship the Lord through the gifts of music! The Holy Spirit moved like a mighty wind through this time of worship and praise. Please be praying that hearts and lives are changed for His glory during this holiday season.

Over the Christmas break, we had a former student, Johnny Rodriguez, who worked on his Eagle Scout



Preschool Program



Issac Laughlin singing a solo for the third-fifth grade program.



Olivia Pazos singing a solo for the third-fifth grade program.



Shiloh Rader playing violin in the third-fifth grade program.



From the third-fifth grade program.

project. He decided to pave the area next to the kindergarten room and make an outdoor seating/reading/prayer area. Kirk Drummond has graciously offered to help oversee the project. There are lots of “hands-on-deck” as this project gets underway. It will surely be an area that both the school and church can use for years to come!

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Silly faces before the kindergarten-second grade program.



Myla Williams (Linda Shepersky’s granddaughter) singing in the middle school program.



Middle school worship dance group.

Below: Kylie Mathstad (left) and Dario Bartoletti (right) in the middle school program.



Middle school program.

## Clippers



Ahoy Mates,  
We had a grand  
Christmas party  
when the clipper ship  
docked at Williams  
Hall for a potluck, gift  
exchange, and joyous  
singing of Christmas  
carols. As for you,  
swabs that were

AWOL, we missed you and hope you will come on  
January 15th.

Our guest speakers will be Neal Pirolo and his  
wife, Yvonne. Neal is the founder and director of  
Emmaus Road International. He taught students  
from preschool through postgraduates in public  
and private schools in the U.S., Peru, and Brazil. He  
is an ordained minister.

Yvonne graduated with a BA degree in Bible and  
Psychology. "However," she says, "I believe my  
education has mainly come from life's experiences  
in relating to people." She teaches a highly  
interactive Interpersonal Relationships and Godly  
Communications class.

Their longtime friend, our very own Dick Adams,  
will give a more thorough introduction.  
We look forward to their presentation.

We will have a potluck and a time of Christian  
fellowship. Y'all come.

Yer trusty signalman,  
Jack, the ancient mariner

## Presbyterian Women

Plans for Presbyterian Women for the new year are  
underway. The first Board meeting of 2022 is on  
January 4th at 9:30 a.m. in Ward Center. We will  
be discussing activities and dates for the year. Our  
first Gathering will be on January 11th at 9:30 a.m. in  
Williams Hall. Linda Hensley will continue our Bible  
Study in the Gospel of John, followed by a speaker  
from the New Day Women's Counseling Center. A  
lunch will follow.

The Rummage Sale will be held in June after  
school is out. We will announce the date later.  
The first Craft day of the year will be January 21st  
from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in Ward Center.

The Fall Craft Festival date is yet to be set, but  
we need to start working and planning now. All  
proceeds go to our Missionaries from both these  
events.

The morning Circle will be meeting in Ward Center,  
9:30 a.m. on January 25th. There is not an active  
night Circle at this time.

All Trinity Church women are considered members  
of the Presbyterian Women, and we would like  
to encourage you to come to try us out for good  
friends and good fellowship.

Ardis Rowland  
Secretary



# Financial Update | How Are We Doing?

*“I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So, don’t be troubled or afraid.”* John 14:27 (NLT)

## Dear Trinity Church Family!

As we head into 2022, the gift of being together is restored. The gift of choice is restored. The gift of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ’s birth is celebrated together again. So many blessings God gives to his people every day.

Your finance committee is working to ensure we have a projected budget for 2022 that honors God and the gifts

given in His name. He has always been faithful to Trinity Church through your gifts of love and generosity.

Trinity Church is a church that believes God provides. In faith, we make our plans, then we look ahead, trusting that God will provide from His glorious riches all of our needs for 2022.

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	<b>November Final</b>	<b>December</b> (As of 12/15/2021)	<b>Year-to-Date</b> (As of 12/15/2021)
<b>BUDGETED INCOME</b>	\$ 30,493.47	\$ 30,493.47	\$ 365,921.56
<b>ACTUAL INCOME</b>	\$ 48,948.45	\$ 14,713.63	\$ 430,659.75
<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	\$ 18,454.98	<b>– \$ 15,779.84</b>	\$ 64,738.19
<b>CURRENT EXPENSE</b>	\$ 31,800.11	\$ 25,861.64	\$ 395,035.04
<b>INCOME – EXPENSE</b>	\$ 17,148.34	<b>– \$ 11,148.01</b>	\$ 35,624.71

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## Annual Congregational Meeting January 23, 2022

Our Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2022 right after the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to present the annual report, approve the pastor compensation, and submit the session-approved budget for 2022. As a vital event, all members are requested to attend. Thank you!

## Thank You!

A heart-felt thank you to all of those who helped un-decorate the sanctuary on January 2nd. Everyone worked together wonderfully.

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