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November 26, 2017

Words from Our Pastor

The Los Angeles Dodgers took game one of the World Series against the Houston Astros. The great "Fall Classic" is underway. Being "World Champions" is every baseball player's dream. It's what every player is focused upon. It's the goal every player seeks to attain.

Followers of Jesus have a clear goal to attain. The Apostle Paul articulates it well in Philippians 3.10 and 11: *"I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow to attain the resurrection from the dead."* Then in verse 12 he adds, *"I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me."*

That's a clear focus on knowing Jesus, being transformed by the Holy Spirit into the likeness of Jesus, and being obedient to the leadership of Jesus.

Similarly, our focus is to make disciples of Jesus in a healthy community of faith. To accomplish this we have begun a new Mid-Week Gathering at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays to help build community. Further, the Session has decided to move to one worship service at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary beginning December 3rd. In future months we will initiate small groups for Bible study, building relationships, and serving together.

Our clear focus is on helping others know Jesus and on becoming a healthy community of faith.

During the fall, we look forward to the coming year. Will you do two things?

First, please pray for those people whom God has in mind to serve as Elders and Deacons? Perhaps you are sensing God's prompting to serve in one of these roles or know someone who would serve well. Please let me, David Torres, or Greg Schwartz know.

Second, will you also pray about your financial commitment to Trinity Church for 2018 in support of the ministries of this faith community?

We are in an exciting time of transition and expectancy of God's plans for Trinity to unfold. You are an important part this community of faith – an important part of the team that is focused on the goal of following Jesus for the sake of our world and to the glory of God.

With you in the adventure of faith,

Pastor Jim



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Thankful for Grace



MOM's CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE



Please remember to add new, unwrapped toys and children's gifts to your Christmas shopping list for the Military Outreach Ministries annual Christmas Toy Drive. There will be a box located at the back of Williams hall during the month of Nov. to receive your donations. The toys and gifts will be distributed to the local churches hosting the Toy Stores this year where the young military families can select Christmas gifts for their children.

Coming in December!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3TH

ONE Service at 9:30 a.m.
in the Sanctuary

From December 3rd on, we will change to one service on Sundays. We will meet in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

Christmas Program
9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE

Regular service at 9:30 a.m.
Christmas Eve Service
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

REMEMBER! You can see this publication in color. Just go to the Trinity Church website and click on "Press" in the navigation bar.

In a few weeks we will be celebrating Thanksgiving. A time with family and friends for many of us, it can also be a time of sadness and loneliness for others.

Jesus called us to have grace for those less fortunate - those that have no family, are friendless, and have nothing with which to take care of themselves. He did not tell us what kind of poor to help or give us instructions as to how we determine who was worthy of our attention.

Why did Jesus not give us better guidelines? First, he wanted us to KNOW grace as an action, and secondly, MAKE grace a part of our everyday lives.

Humankind has fallen miserably short of what God had desired for it. He created us to commune with Him, but with sin we are unable to reach Him ever - without His grace towards us.

Grace is defined as the **free** and **unmerited** favor of God. Just as He showed us grace by allowing His Son to pay for our transgressions with His death, so we are to show grace to those that cannot pay us back for the help, care, and attention we show.

In giving grace to others, we see vividly how incredible God's grace is. In addition, we are to give freely, without grumbling, just as Jesus gave up His life without complaint or regret.

When we come to God, asking Him to show us how we can show grace to others, we allow God to show us a new vision of His grace towards us. With this vision, our thanksgiving for His gift of grace will grow, flourish, and give us the desire to continue to pour out love and care to those who need it without expecting payment in return.

The Promises of God

Our Sunday School class has been working their way through the Old Testament and we're learning a lot about the promises God has made us. It's a real joy working with such amazing kids each week and my volunteers are absolutely spectacular!

Special thanks to Nona Eichelberger, Claudia Kelly, and Ardis Rowland, as well as our nursery staff Katrena Roberts. We're looking forward to the upcoming holiday and have some great plans for how we can do our part to give back to the community.

We are still in need of additional teachers on Sunday. The commitment is not every week and if you prefer to be a helper instead of a teacher there is a need for that too. This is a sweet, small class that is a real joy to work with! Please see me on Sundays or call the church office if interested.

Ways to help Children's Ministry:

- Bring in your recycling and put it in the brown trashcan outside of Williams Hall in the breezeway. Please be sure each item has the CA CRV symbol on it.

- We are in need of small toys, new or SLIGHTLY used, for our treasure box.
- Please pray for our children and teachers.

Have a blessed November,

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Youth Group

Wednesday Nights



Russ Douglass

Youth Director

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- 3:00 p.m.** Homework Club* **OR** Sports with Coach Daniel**
- 4:15 p.m.** Games/Homework Time with Pastor Russ
- 5:00 p.m.** Dinner (\$6 per teen)
- 6:30 p.m.** Worship/Teaching with Pastor Russ (ends @ 7:30 p.m.)

Contact Russ Douglass for more information about our Youth Group events!

* Homework Club is free. **Sports with Coach Daniel is \$80 for eight weeks.

“Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.”

Hebrews 13:2 (NIV)

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to show hospitality to strangers from a completely different culture and language? Students and staff at Trinity Christian School (TCS) are excited to have this opportunity. We have welcomed seven students and their coordinator from Keystone Leadership Academy in South Korea. The students will be attending school at TCS until the end of February, learning about the United States and increasing their English-speaking and writing skills. The students are staying with school families, and the coordinator is living with Trinity church member, Margy Becker.

Another way our students are learning to put their faith in action and reach out to others is by participating in **Operation Christmas Child**. We began sending shoe boxes to children around the world in desperate circumstances in 2003 and have sent 2,295 boxes. For the past several years, we have joined together with Trinity Church in this amazing ministry.



You are invited to come to chapel on November 17th at 11:15 a.m. as we pray over the boxes and load them into the church van to be taken to the collection center here in San Diego. Kindergarten will be leading Chapel that day so it's sure to be a wonderful morning, seeing how God is working in the lives of the children who come to the Trinity hill five days a week to be challenged in their learning with academic excellence and to put their faith in action.

Plans are underway for the annual **Fall Festival**, a joint venture between the church and the school. The outdoor carnival will feature game booths for children, a dunking booth, and an opportunity drawing for an iPad Mini and Disneyland tickets. We pray this outreach event will draw our neighbors and friends in the community to experience the love and grace of Jesus exemplified in the Body of Christ here on the Hill.

The month of November will also bring an opportunity for the teachers and principals to attend the Association of Christian Schools International Convention in Anaheim. This conference is always encouraging as we grow professionally and deepen our understanding of our mission as a Christian school. The school will be closed the week of Thanksgiving for the teachers to attend ACSI on Monday and Tuesday and have a time of refreshment spending time with family the rest of the week.

Faith in Action

Please mark your calendars! You won't want to miss a special opportunity to see Eric Hovind on Monday November 6th at 9:00 a.m. in Williams Hall. He is associated with *Creation Today* (www.creationtoday.org) and has been affiliated with making a new film to be released on November 13th called **Genesis: Paradise Lost**. It is a project that has taken five years to complete. TCS is hosting the use of a theater and selling tickets to accommodate a minimum of 100 people. Please let the office know if you or someone you know would like to purchase tickets. Go to www.genesismovie.com to watch the movie trailer. Also, feel free to come on November 6th at 9:00 a.m. in Williams Hall to hear from Eric personally as he addresses the students.



Sharon Axe
Principal



Jimmie Drummond
Principal

A Missionary from Trinity Leaves for Africa

and other news

I am so excited to see God bringing the mission field of the world so close to us at Trinity Church.

Off to Africa

Olivia Wallace will be leaving the middle of this month to live with an unreached people in Africa, teaching English and developing relationships. Please pray for her that she will easily assimilate into the culture, that she will have wisdom and courage, and that God will keep her safe and well.

2018 Missions Trip

On November 5th, after the one service, there will be a meeting in Ward Center regarding the 2018 missions trip, two weeks in a refugee camp on Lesbos Island in Greece. We will be partnering with GEM - Greater European Missions. Our own Harvey and Betty Smith were missionaries through this organization for many years. We need six people to commit to this adventure in order to go. Please prayerfully consider going on this mission journey.

At the meeting, we will be discussing time lines, duties, etc. I would covet your prayers for this meeting and for those who are considering going.

If we are able to go, we would be volunteering in a refugee camp where 3,500 people wait for news on whether they will be awarded asylum somewhere in the European Union. The refugees come from different countries – primarily Syria and Afghanistan, and a number of North African countries – all of them Muslims. Because of the desperate situation they are in, many are very open to the Gospel.

Shoe Boxes are Due Soon

On another note, it's time to start bringing in those Christmas shoe boxes for **Operation Christmas Child**. We still have boxes available in the church office if you would like to fill another box or haven't done so already.

All boxes are due between Sunday, November 12th and Wednesday,

November 15th! You can bring them to Williams Hall on Sunday morning or Wednesday evening. You can also drop them off at the church office during business hours - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Thank you to all of you who have participated in this wonderful ministry.

Thanksgiving Dinner at Trinity Church

David Wallace has graciously stepped up to oversee Thanksgiving dinner here at the church on Thursday, November 23rd. Dinner will be available from noon until 2:00 p.m.

A sign-up sheet will be in the back of Williams Hall by the kitchen and in the narthex of the sanctuary during services. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and family to fellowship together.

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Hanging of the Greens

We will decorate our Sanctuary and Williams Hall on Sunday, November 26th following second service. We will meet in Williams Hall for a potluck lunch, and then off to work to prepare our campus for Advent and Christmas! After the decorating is done, we will meet for dessert!

Please bring a main dish with either a side dish, salad or dessert for the potluck.

CLIPPERS

Saturday • November 18th

Our program will be

“Survive the Drive”

Our monthly program will focus on adult and senior driver training.

Our speaker is a retired CHP officer who will teach us defensive driving techniques.

We will meet at 5:45 p.m. for a fantastic 6:00 p.m. potluck dinner.

Guests are always welcome.

Please contact Norma Mondeck or Julie Wolfe at 466.2367 for more information.

Presbyterian Women

Below is the November schedule for Presbyterian Women. Remember - ALL women who attend Trinity Church are members.

November 4 | Noon - 5:00 p.m. • FALL FESTIVAL • Williams Hall

November 5 | FALL FESTIVAL • After Church • Williams Hall

November 7 | 9:30 a.m. - Board Meeting • Ward Center

November 14 | The Gathering • Williams Hall
9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Linda Hensley
10:30 a.m. Short Business Meeting
11:00 a.m. **Leigh Taylor**
Our Music Missionary

12:00 p.m. Luncheon by Circle Three

November 21 | 9:30 a.m. • Crafts • Ward Center
6:00 p.m. • Circle 3 Bible Study • Debbie Torres' home

November 25 | 9:00 a.m. • Quilting • Ward Center

November 28 | 9:30 a.m. • Circle 1 and 2 Bible Study • Ward Center

Join Us on Wednesday Evenings!

Building Community @ TRINITY CHURCH



\$6.00 per person | \$20.00 maximum per family

- 5:00 p.m.** Gathering Time
- 5:30 p.m.** Dinner
- 6:15 p.m.** Intergenerational Interaction
- 6:30 p.m.** Split off into appropriate age-related programs

Check out the schedule for the Youth Group on page 3!

Age-Related Programs

Kids Kingdom
Preschool - 5th Grade
Nursery

Youth Group
6th - 12th Grade
Youth Room

Adults
Williams Hall

Please RSVP by Monday p.m.
Call Yasmin at 619.465.3011

“And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything, and may provide in abundance for every good work.”
2 Corinthians 9:8

Greetings Trinity Family. God has given to the good work of Trinity Church in wonderful ways this year. The ability to cover our debts each month is only a small part of His care for us. As we gather

together in November, we can give Him glory and thanks for what He has done so far this year, and how He plans to provide in the year to come.

Our Stewardship and Pledge season for 2018 starts soon. **We ask that you return your Pledge card no matter what your decision or ability.** We are generous people, made in the image of a generous God. Thank you for prayerfully committing to continue the mission of Trinity Church.

Pledge Envelopes

Please contact me in the church office if you do not have pledge envelopes now, and you want them for 2018, or if you want to OPT OUT of pledge envelopes.

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	September 2017 Final	October 2017 Final (As of 10/19/17)	Year to Date 2017
BUDGETED INCOME	\$32,762.80	\$32,762.80	\$327,627.96
ACTUAL INCOME	\$42,703.41	\$23,289.24	\$334,255.11
DIFFERENCE	\$ 9,940.61	– \$ 9,473.56	\$ 6,627.15
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$30,515.83	\$ 15,849.03	\$267,885.03
INCOME – EXPENSE	\$12,187.58	\$ 7,440.21	\$ 66,370.08

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ALL BOXES ARE DUE BY NOVEMBER 15TH!



Bring in Your Boxes

**Drop off your boxes in the back of Williams Hall on
Sunday morning, Nov. 12th,
Wednesday evening, Nov. 15th, or
at the church office from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. weekdays.**

We still have more boxes in the church office. What do I put in my shoebox?

Start with a quality “wow” item such as a stuffed animal, soccer ball with hand pump, or clothing outfit that will capture the child’s attention the instant he or she opens the box. Then gather a number of personal care items, school supplies, toys, clothing or accessories, craft supplies, or other activities to finish filling your box. A brochure with the label and other information is included with your box.

Check out the link below for a comprehensive list of gift ideas for both boys and girls in every age group!

www.samaritanpurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/

DO NOT INCLUDE

Candy; toothpaste; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

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