



May 2023

## Words from Our Pastor | From Generation to Generation



Rev. Brent Barclay | Pastor

### Greetings Everyone!

I recently led our church leadership retreat, speaking about the difference between the older and younger generations of Americans, how they view the world differently, and how their views on God shape how they view the world. We had a fascinating time discovering areas where different generations come together and see how they can differ.

All generations, young and old, see the world as broken, understanding something fundamentally is wrong with the world. The Christian would say it is because of the sin in our hearts, and its realities cause pain and suffering everywhere.

Where different generations show they are different is how they specifically view that hurt, brokenness, and suffering. Older generations consider it a breakdown of society, government, and corporate systems, seeing the decay in overall morality and generosity. Younger

generations see injustice, mistreatment of marginalized people, and a lack of compassion for those silenced voices. The Christian would see that and thank God for such a diverse heart and compassion for all those affected by sin and the need to feel the comfort and



compassion of Jesus. As Christians, we would see how the Holy Spirit stirs our hearts to see sin and injustice and desire to change it.

With the younger generations, we see signs of hope and signs of need. More youthful generations have an overwhelming desire to change the world

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and strongly believe they can positively impact it. Today, many Christian and non-Christian teenagers seek to change the world for the better.

The need for them is mentoring and guidance. While they seek to change the world and have a positive impression of Jesus, they do not have the biblical perspective of how to change the world. They are left to have television and the internet to guide and lead them in how to change the world, which has dangerous consequences if led down that path.

The big takeaway from these facts is that Christians of all generations need to channel their desire to change the world through God's word. We need to read the Bible regularly to understand how God views the world, its sin, and how God's great plans for the world's redemption unfolded and are still unfolding. We need to let the Bible

steer and guide us as we seek to serve and change the world.

*"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."* Colossians 2:6-7

May we as a church be rooted in Jesus, strengthened in the teachings of faith, and overflow with thankfulness. May that be the position of our hearts as we seek to serve others, mentor those younger than us, and change the world together.

Blessings,  
Brent Barclay  
Pastor

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## Missions Update | Mary Hopkins

### An update from Mary Hopkins

She can attend her organization's Mexico Branch Conference in Mexico. She will also be able to see old friends while there. She asks for prayer because she is no longer used to long trips.

Please pray for her brother, John, and his wife, Sandy. He is not doing well, and there is a problem with Social Security. They are reluctant to consider him disabled.

On a happier note, spring has sprung in Arizona. At right are photos of some wildflowers seen locally, perhaps like those Jesus said were more beautifully arrayed than Solomon in his royal robes. She sends her thanks for our love and prayers.

Ardis Rowland  
Missions Elder



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## Children's Ministry | He is Risen!

### Hello, Church Family!

As we go into every season, it is incredible to watch God move. During April, we had so much fun participating in the worship service with our palm branches and having our Easter hunt! The children had so much fun searching for all 375 eggs!

As we move forward, we want to make worship a large part of our ministry. A few Sundays back, I stood watching over the lower playground area when I heard the sweetest noise from the basketball courts. As I moved closer, I saw four kids, ages three, six,

seven, and 12, singing the song "Waymaker." It is not always easy coming up with activities or art so all age groups can stay entertained, so I felt overwhelmed with joy when I witnessed this mini-concert.

For our ministry, we could still use volunteers so we can come up with a rotation schedule. If you feel it in your heart, come check us out! You will hear us well before you open the door!

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## Youth Ministry | Studying Easter with our Youth

In the past month, we studied the events of Easter through a series of dramatic scripts. The students have been receptive to having roles in the Bible studies. It has helped us go back in time and visualize the thoughts and feelings of Jesus and his disciples so long ago. We have been steady in our attendance with our core group. I believe that 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. 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, I ask for prayer for Emily and me. We will welcome our second son between May 15-19th.

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# Trinity Christian School | Fun Times at the School



## Spirit Week

In April, we celebrated Spirit Week at Trinity Christian School (TCS)! Spirit Week is when all the kids reveal a little more of their personalities by dressing up in wacky ways. Monday was “Athletes and Mathletes Day.” The students could dress up nerdy or wear

athletic attire or both! Tuesday was “Heros and Villians.” The children could wear all one color or all patterns on Wednesday, “Pattern or Solid Day.” Our last day was “Country or Country Club Day.” The students could dress up or dress in overalls and flannels. We always have such a fun week showing our school spirit!

## Grandparent’s Chapel

TCS held its annual Grandparent’s Chapel, which had a beach theme, creating a lively and enjoyable atmosphere

for all present. The chapel featured colorful decorations, including beach balls and shells, and the middle schoolers wore Hawaiian shirts and leis, adding to the beach vibe. The students sang classic songs that fit the theme, such as “Surfing U.S.A.” by the Beach Boys. Students played ukuleles, performed a dance, and sang fun “grandparent” songs. We also worshiped together. Ben Horton, the school chaplain, presented a poem tying in the theme of God showing us love through our grandparents. We encouraged grandparents to participate in the service by singing along or joining their grandchildren in prayer. The beach-themed Grandparent’s Chapel was a fun and engaging way to celebrate the special bond between grandparents and their grandchildren.

## Spring Break

After a two-week-long break, students returned to school from their Spring Break. While some may have spent time relaxing at home or visiting with family, others traveled to new destinations or participated in exciting activities. As they returned to their classrooms, some students felt

## Spirit Week



refreshed and rejuvenated. Others needed to adjust to their regular routines and schoolwork. Some teachers needed to review previous materials and help students who missed classes catch up. Overall, the return from Spring Break marks the start of a new academic phase full of opportunities for learning and growth.

### Speech Meet

Following our annual speech meet, the winners were privileged to present their speeches to the Presbyterian Women's Association. The students were nervous but delighted to share this time with the ladies of Trinity Church. On April 28th, they represented our school at the regional ACSI speech meet at Tri-City Christian School in Vista, CA.

### Washington, D.C. Trip

Our biennial seventh and eighth-grade trip to Washington, D.C., began April 23rd. The students will visit some of the most iconic landmarks and museums in the United States, including the White House, the Capitol Building,

and the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum. The trip includes educational tours of various memorials, such as the Lincoln Memorial and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, where students will have the chance to learn about the history and significance of each monument. This trip is an excellent opportunity for the students to expand their knowledge and understanding of American history and government and to experience the nation's capital firsthand. The Trinity Christian School community is thrilled to see what the students will learn and the memories they will make on their trip to Washington, D.C.

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### Speech Meet Winners



### Washington, D.C. Trip



## Clippers



Ahoy Mates,

The good Clipper ship, HMS Trinity docked at Williams Hall on April 15, 2023 for fellowship, a potluck, and an informative presentation by Raul Palomino, Executive Director of New Day Ministries. They do a

magnificent job caring for

the homeless. Our congregation donates socks and underwear the last Sunday of each month for this organization to give to those in need. Pray for them.

Our devotion was given by our chaplain, Dick Adams.

We will be at sea until May 20, 2023, when the good Clipper ship will once again dock at Williams Hall for a potluck, fellowship, and a presentation by our Elder, Bob Hensley. He will bless us with the story of his life and his walk with the Lord.

All are welcome. Y'all come and bring a guest.

Yer trusty signalman,  
Jack, the ancient mariner

## Presbyterian Women

I want to begin by thanking Carolynn Baker for all her work making our Mother's Day Tea a success! Because of the Tea, there will be no Gathering in May.

Before our summer break, HUB will present our Gathering program for June. We will learn about Pickle Ball and have an opportunity to try it. The Bible study will be the first half of the musical video production of "Sampson." We will have a delicious lunch and fellowship around the tables.

I hope you are busy cleaning out your drawers, closets, and all those hidden places. The Rummage Sale is on June 23rd & 24th. We will be setting up on June 21st & 22nd. Please remember that we appreciate all items are clean and in good condition. Someone will be available to pick up items if needed.

Ardis Rowland  
Secretary

# Financial Update | How Are We Doing?

“It’s not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What’s important is that God makes the seed grow.” 1 Corinthians 3:7

## Dear Trinity Church Family,

**G**od makes the seeds grow for us here at Trinity Church. The financial report shows we are current with our financial obligations, including missions. Praise God. The first quarter giving statements went out at the end of March. If you did not receive yours, contact me, please.

Your tithes and gifts allow Trinity Church to carry on the mission of proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. Thank you for all the ways you support this church spiritually, personally, and financially. God will reward our faithfulness!

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	<b>March 2023 Final</b>	<b>April 2023 (as of 4/20/2023)</b>	<b>Year-to-Date (as of 4/20/2023)</b>
<b>PROJECTED &amp; PLEDGED INCOME</b>	\$ 27,154.36	\$ 27,154.36	\$ 108,617.40
<b>ACTUAL INCOME RECEIVED</b>	\$ 34,540.87	\$19,838.02	\$ 97,264.83
<b>PROJECTED MINUS ACTUAL INCOME RCVD DIFFERENCE</b>	\$ 7,386.51	<b>– \$ 7,316.34</b>	<b>– \$ 11,352.57</b>
<b>CURRENT EXPENSE ACTUAL</b>	\$ 43,482.68	\$29,758.35	\$ 146,647.62
<b>TOTAL ACTUAL INCOME – ACTUAL EXPENSE:</b>	<b>– \$ 8,941.81</b>	<b>– \$ 9,920.33</b>	<b>– \$ 49,382.79</b>

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## Wednesday Night Bible Study

Our Wednesday night Bible study returns May 3rd. We meet in Williams Hall at 5:30 p.m. for a potluck dinner. If you wish to join us using Zoom, we begin at 6:00 p.m. This Bible study will continue until the end of May. For more information, including Zoom information, contact Pastor Brent at [brent@trinitypres.org](mailto:brent@trinitypres.org).

Happy  
Mother's  
Day!

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