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Words from Our Pastor | Saying Good-Bye and Hello



Rev. Brent Barclay | Pastor

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Hello Everyone!

I hope you had a wonderful Easter! It was great to worship with so many of you on Resurrection Sunday! I found it interesting that God gave me the passage out of John that spoke about Jesus saying goodbye to Mary as the passage to preach on. Saying goodbye is not a topic you usually think about when looking at the resurrection of Jesus. But clearly, it is a vital element of what Jesus came to do as part of his earthly ministry.



Goodbyes are tough, and we are in a season of goodbyes. As members of our church family move or pass away, saying goodbye seems to happen more and more. As we heard at Easter, goodbyes lead to unknowns – will I see them again, will they miss me, where are they now that I cannot see them? Do you know what can cause just as

much, if not more, anxiety than goodbyes? Saying hello! I remember the day when Lydia got off the phone a few weeks ago and said that the doctor wanted to have us come into the hospital the next day and deliver baby Hannah. It caught me amazingly by surprise! She is coming tomorrow! What will she be like, what will she look like? All these thoughts rushed through my mind. I will meet a new person who will richly impact my life!

Maybe some of you get excited about meeting new people, saying that first "hello." Others might find the idea stressful and anxious. As Christians, we believe Jesus gave us the great commission in Acts. Acts 1:8 says, *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

For some, the prospect of going out, meeting people, and telling them about

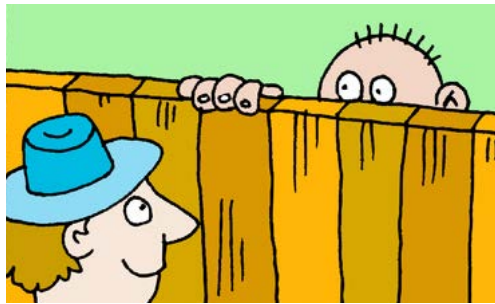
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Jesus sounds like the most frightening thing you could do! The call to witness and evangelize is a chorus of hellos that many are afraid to face.

We know that God has given us the Holy Spirit, who can strengthen us and help us overcome our fears in achieving the work God has commissioned for all of us. Think about the power and impact of your relationships. Can you imagine how your life would be different if you did not have them? Who knows to what that next “hello” could lead? As it says in Hebrews 13:1-2, “Let mutual love



continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.”

Does God have an appointment with an angel in store for you? (I sure did that next day!) Allow God to open your heart for one more “hello,” one

more person in your life. You might find your life enriched and their life blessed as you share godly love and fellowship with them.

Blessings,

Pastor Brent Barclay

OUR NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY



**Beginning
Wednesday, May 4th
@ 5:30 p.m. on Zoom**

Please note the time change!

In this four-session series based on their book “The Art of Neighboring”, Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon help us focus on the people within our neighborhood and learn what it means to be a good neighbor. They discuss the importance of pushing through the uncomfortable feelings that come with communicating, investing in, and caring for the people who live near us. What would our communities look like if we took Jesus’ command to love our neighbors as ourselves seriously?

FAMILY OUTREACH EVENT COMING!

On May 21, we are planning to have a family outreach event here at Trinity Church. Watch out for further details in the Sunday bulletin and email alert!

Missions | Report from Mary Hopkins

Dear Friends,

A happy post-Easter to you all. Easter, the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, was the most important event in history. I was glad to be able to spend the Easter weekend with my mother in California and rejoice with her in Christ's purchase of our salvation.

A few weeks ago, I received an email message from a Guatemalan brother with photos showing the "Big Books" he and his group have been making to teach Bible stories in their language. I attach a couple of photos. This brother was a student in a workshop I directed in Guatemala in 2009 (in which the students learned to make Big Books) and later he was part of the staff in a similar workshop we did in Venezuela in 2012. So training in reading and writing one's language and producing literacy materials continues to bear fruit.

Plans are shaping up for me to direct a seminar on the LibreOffice Writer computer program in June. We are waiting to finalize the dates. I will teach this workshop via Zoom from my house in Tucson, AZ. The students we have interested so far will mostly be located in the state of Veracruz in Mexico.

I also now have dates for a short trip to Oaxaca, Mexico to finally clear out the apartment where I have lived for the past 15 years or so. I plan to fly down on May 10 and return to Tucson on May 21. Some colleagues will stay in my house to take care of the cat.

My brother John was recently hospitalized again, this time for shortness of breath due to blood clots found in his lungs (and a later sonogram found them also in his legs). At this writing, he is home and feeling much better after procedures to zap some of the larger blood clots with anti-coagulants which improved blood flow to the lungs. He will remain on blood thinner medication, but in other ways is doing much better, including with his swallowing. My mother also had a serious skin cancer surgery this week and is still feeling very uncomfortable. I will appreciate your prayers for both my mother and my brother.

I think this is all the news for the present. Our God remains in control of all the world situations, praise be to his name!

Mary



Mary's Guatemalan student and his group created a number of "Big Books" to illustrate the story of Jesus.

Trinity Christian School | We are Always on the Move!



Spring Dress-Up Days

Trinity Christian School (TCS) always enjoys their annual dress-up days. This year was no different. On Monday, it was sports day, and even the office staff got involved

as they dressed up as Olympic curlers. We also included days such as wacky Wednesday and crazy hat day.

Erica speaks in Chapel

Trinity Church's Children's Ministries Director, Erica Cruz, spoke in Chapel on April 1st. She beautifully shared from her heart. We are blessed to have Ms. Cruz as our PE coach, sharing her with Trinity Church. We anticipate

seeing what God will do in and through Ms. Cruz's life and time at Trinity Christian School.

Sixth-Grade Camp

Our six-grade middle school students had a wonderful time at Pine Valley Bible Camp, attending a session specifically designed to strengthen science skills with a biblical base. They were allowed to go on nature hikes, make scientific observations, and have daily worship time. Except for the rain on the first day, they experienced perfect weather, and all the students did an excellent job representing our school.

Science Fair

Bi-yearly, the seventh and eighth-grade students participate in our TCS science fair. We had many exciting



Erica Cruz, the Children's Ministry Director at Trinity Church and the TCS PE Coach, speaks at Chapel.



The six-graders attended Pine Valley Bible Camp.



Above: Spirit Week



Dad's Chapel



experiments with beautiful presentation boards. Mrs. Lopez does a superb job ensuring every student is prepared well in advance. This year we were blessed to have students from San Diego Christian College judge the projects. The winners were: First Place - Katherine Archer, First Place (organic matter) - Emily Espinosa, Second Place - Trevor Snooks, Second Place (organic matter) - Ashlyn Romeka. Everyone did a great job.

Dad's Chapel

Due to Covid conflicts, we rescheduled our Dad's Chapel for April 8th. The theme for this year's Chapel was to build a wall and fight for your family. Jake McDonnell, a pastor and teacher, was our speaker. The kids all sang songs to honor their dads but, more importantly, worship the Lord. The dads were honored at the end of the Chapel with donuts and breakfast burritos. It was a great time of food and fellowship.

Spring Break

Spring break at TCS is always a wonderful time for students, faculty, and staff to honor our Lord on Resurrection Sunday. It is also a time to rest and relax so that we all can finish the year strong.

Testing

Please be in prayer for our TCS students and teachers, as we will begin our yearly testing in the next couple of weeks. This testing does not point out individual students but ensures TCS stays on track with its high academic standards.

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The Science Fair



TCS Easter Egg Hunt

Clippers



come and bring yer no-longer-wanted treasures that someone else will treasure.

Ahoy Mates,

The good clipper ship is coming into port on May 21 for a potluck lunch and our annual auction. We will meet at 12:45 p.m. Guests are welcome. Y'all

At our April meeting, we were treated to a wonderful concert by the Martin Luther, Jr. Chorale.

Our Chaplain Dick Adams opened our meeting in prayer and Lois gave our devotional.

Yer trusty signalman,

Jack, the ancient mariner

(I'm so old when I was born, the Dead Sea wasn't even sick yet).

Presbyterian Women

It seems like this year is flying by and the next two months promise to be busy ones.

The next Gathering is on May 10th. We will begin with the Bible study in John led by Linda Hensley. Our speaker this month is our own Lydia Barclay. We would love to have a really nice crowd that day. We always end the Gathering with a delicious lunch and a time of fellowship.

At the June Gathering, two speakers will be joining us from Wycliffe mission organization.

Our craft day, on the third Tuesday of each month, is another good time of fellowship and learning as we work together on

items for the annual Fall Festival. November 5th will be here before we know it.

The annual Rummage Sale is June 24th and 25th. Time to clean out those drawers, closets and even the garage. Any kind of clean, gently used items are accepted.

Circle meetings are on the fourth Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in Ward Center where we take a closer look at the book of John. If you need a ride, call Lois Moravec and consider inviting a friend.

Ardis Rowland
Secretay

Financial Update | How Are We Doing?

“May the LORD smile on you and be gracious to you.” Numbers 6:25 (NLT)

Dear Trinity Family

As a body of believers, we are seeking to engage the world where its deepest needs meet our abilities, and with God’s help, to be a difference for good.

By your faithfulness, Trinity Church is a part of this mission here and around the world, and the Lord

blesses us in response. We have met our financial obligations up to this point, and we remain thankful for all the Lord provides.

Serving a Risen Lord!

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	March 2022 Final	April 2022 (As of 4/25/2022)	Year-to-Date (As of 4/25/2022)
BUDGETED INCOME	\$ 33,067.05	\$ 33,067.05	\$ 163,511.67
ACTUAL INCOME	\$ 27,605.02	\$ 21,761.94	\$ 135,430.68
DIFFERENCE	– \$ 5,462.03	– \$ 11,305.11	– \$ 28,080.99
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$ 27,759.62	\$ 43,964.20	\$ 149,401.35
INCOME – EXPENSE	– \$ 154.60	– \$ 22,202.26	– \$ 13,970.67

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CONGRATULATIONS TO PASTOR BRENT & LYDIA BARCLAY



Announcing the birth of
HANNAH YVONNE BARCLAY,
daughter of Pastor Brent and
Lydia Barclay!

She was born April 8th,
weighed 8.7 lbs, and was
19¼ inches long.

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