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Next Press Deadline
February 25, 2018

Beyond Sunday Morning

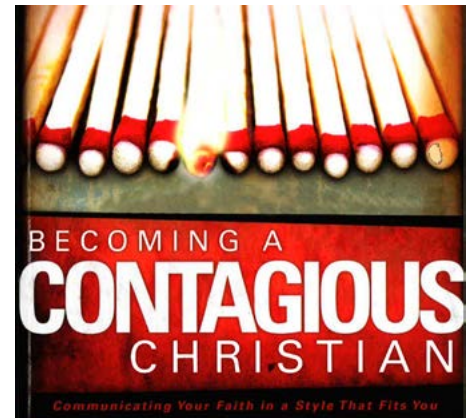
"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Hebrews 10:24-25

Isn't it wonderful to be part of Trinity, a place where we are encouraged and stirred to love and good works for God? As I have been praying over my new responsibilities as the elder overseeing adult discipleship, I have had opportunity to look back on the many small groups that I have been a part of over the last 30 plus years as a Christian.

Each of these groups impacted my spiritual journey, many of them having a profound impact on deepening my relationship with Jesus. For me, the Sunday morning worship service is a very important and valuable part of the week. Being part of a small group during the week is also very important and valuable. A small group offers the opportunity to build solid and deep relationships, to be encouraged, and to be equipped to use the gifts God has given to us. Thankfully, Trinity Church has some amazing small groups where people are building relationships that foster spiritual growth. **God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things** and many times this happens as people love and minister to one another in small groups.

I don't know about you but I've never felt completely confident in how to share my faith. This is why I'm very excited about Pastor Jim bringing "Becoming a Contagious Christian" to our Wednesday Building Community nights beginning February 21st. This six-week DVD series will help us to understand that communicating our faith in Christ can be very natural if we just have a little direction and encouragement.

During this class each of us will discover our own natural evangelism style that fits with how God has made and shaped us for His glory. We will also learn an approach to direct conversations toward matters of faith which will help us with those we are sharing Christ with for the first time and also with our relationships with believers as we encourage each other in our spiritual walk. We all need fellow believers to help us grow in our understanding of the gospel. We need others who spur us on in our compassion for the lost and our ability to share the good news of Jesus. I hope you will consider joining me on Wednesday nights beginning February 21st to be a part of "Becoming a Contagious Christian." God can use each of us to impact the lives of others for eternity.



Kirk Drummond • Elder, Adult Discipleship

Words from Our Pastor

You may not know that prior to retiring in July 2015, while serving as Pastor of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in Los Alamitos, I and eight other guys were in a band known as “The Crow’s Feet.” I played the bass guitar and others played guitars, drums, keyboard, banjo, harmonica, and sang. We actually gained some popularity (or at least familiarity) in the community and were invited to play for fundraising events, corporate golf tournaments, political groups, and church programs. By the way, “Crow’s Feet” has to do with those wrinkle lines running from the side of our eyes toward our temples.

“The Crow’s Feet” and Church

I realized a lot about the church from playing in “The Crow’s Feet.” First, I saw how we all have different parts to play and we seem to play them better when we are connected together. I see this on Sunday mornings now that we have the combined worship services. I see it on Wednesday evenings (there are other times and places this happens too) when we gather to build relationships and study together.

We Grew

Second, I saw how a church can grow. One-by-one the original three founding members grew to be nine. We grew by extending personal invitations to others – some who were part of the church and some who had no church involvement.



We Sounded Pretty Good

Third, we actually sounded pretty good, and those for whom we performed actually enjoyed the music (at least they acted like it).

Our church has a great opportunity to bless our community with the glorious “music” of the grace of God revealed in Jesus Christ. Let’s commit to deliberate “gigs” of serving and blessing our community – schools, sheriff’s department, firefighters, neighbors, and friends – by singing the song of God’s great love through our words and actions.



Regroup and Reaffirm

Fourth, when membership of the band changed – two moved away, one developed serious health problems – we had to regroup (literally) and reaffirm our purpose. Trinity Church continues to be in transition. The Pastor Nominating (Search) Committee is in place and starting its work. The Lord is leading us into the future. Let’s reaffirm our commitment to this church and pray for the person God is raising up to serve as pastor in the future.

We Had to Practice

Finally, to perform well, each member of “The Crow’s Feet” had to practice his instrument. The same is true for us here at Trinity. On February 14th, we enter the season known as Lent that leads us to Holy Week and Resurrection Sunday on April 1st. It is a time of special focus on Jesus and his self-giving love, his sacrificial death that reconciles us to God, and his amazing, world-transforming resurrection from the dead. Let’s practice the disciplines of scripture reading, reflection, prayer, and serving others through this season.

May the Holy Spirit fill you and tune your heart to know God more fully.

Pastor Jim



Jim Wilson
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“**S**ouper Bowl of Caring” wrapped up on January 28th. The Sunday school children in conjunction with Trinity Church members collected nonperishable goods to be donated to the San Diego Rescue Mission as part of the “Souper Bowl of Caring.” “Souper Bowl of Caring” began more than 25 years ago with a simple prayer, “Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.” Since that day, more than \$100 million has been raised for local charities across the country! I thank you in advance for donating generously to help the homeless and those in need in San Diego!

Children's Ministry is always looking for new teachers to help with Sunday school and the nursery. This is not an every week commitment and I am looking for helpers as well as a teacher. We can work around your schedule. If you feel the Lord calling you please contact me either at church on Sunday or by calling the church office.

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Upcoming Events for Easter

MARCH 24TH • SATURDAY

Serv-o-lution

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch is included. Help get the church campus ready for Easter. More information to come.

MARCH 27TH – 30TH

TUESDAY – FRIDAY

Prayer Walk - Williams Hall

Noon to 7:00 p.m.

MARCH 30TH

Good Friday Service

Sanctuary • 7:00 p.m.

APRIL 1ST • EASTER SUNDAY

Services

Sunrise Service

Out by the rocks • 5:45 a.m.

Regular Service

Sanctuary • 9:30 a.m.

We Have a New Director of Youth Ministries

Katrena Roberts attended Trinity Christian School from pre-school through eighth grade. She received her high school diploma from Steele Canyon Charter High School.

In the spring of 2017, Katrena received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Biola University, and is currently in the doctoral program at Alliant University in San Diego, pursuing her degree in clinical psychology with a multicultural emphasis.

She has attended Trinity Church for as long as she can remember. She

is thrilled to fulfill a lifelong dream of helping rebuild the youth program. She has a passionate heart for kids and for her Savior.

Her life verse is found in Philippians 4:7-10. A part of it reads: *“What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ.”*

Contact Katrena Roberts by email at katrena@trinitypres.org, or call the church office for more information about our Youth Group events!

Youth Group

It's hard to believe that we are already approaching February of 2018! It will be a very busy month for Trinity Christian School (TCS).

Our annual Father Daughter Dance will be held in Williams Hall on Friday, February 2nd. The following Friday, February 9th, will be our annual Dad's Chapel in Williams Hall at 9:00 a.m. February 14th is the kick off for our 2018 Serve-a-thon which is our biggest annual event!

Our Serv-a-thon

We are looking forward to participating in our Serve-a-thon to bless those in our community, earn some money for our school and tithe to Rancho Sordo Mudo from our earnings. Rather than hold a jog-a-thon to raise money for the school needs, we have found a Serve-a-thon to have multilevel benefits. The students find out that helping others can be



fun and satisfying. They learn that doing it with others is more fun and more productive. They learn about their community and its needs. The community efforts are blessed by the "hands on help" from children learning how to serve. The students feel

ownership in their school by contributing to the needs. The school benefits by getting its needs met. Everyone realizes that you are never too young to make a difference.

Supporting Our Serv-a-thon

Please prayerfully consider supporting this effort. There will be inserts in the bulletins and opportunities to support these efforts: blessing bags for the homeless, beach clean-up, nursing home visits, writing letters to servicemen through Military Outreach Ministry (MOMs), serving seniors living alone, cooking meals for those in need, and visiting Ronald McDonald House to deliver goods. Details will follow in the weekly church bulletin. Thank you for your prayerful support as the students from TCS venture out in the name of Christ.

Sharon Axe **Jimmie Drummond**
Principal *Principal*

Exotic Plant Society

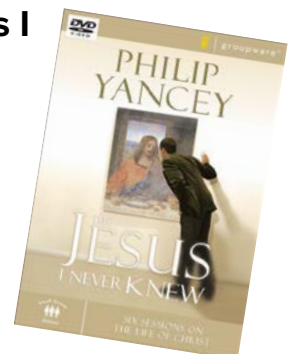
The Exotic Plant Society will meet Tuesday, February 27th at 7:00 p.m. in Williams Hall. All those interested in gardening are welcome. We have congenial fellowship and lively discussions, with solutions to gardening problems given. We also have a plant exchange. Please call Jackie Van Dyne or Julanna Loveberg for more information.

Starting March 12, 2018

In Pastor's January blog, he recommended studying Philip Yancy's book, "The Jesus I Never Knew."

Come join us for this 6-week study which includes video teaching and study guide! The class starts March 12th and ends April 30th.

Monday morning • 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. **OR**
Monday evening • 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 a.m.



New Direction and Responsibilities

God is good! He knows what we need, what will bring us to Him, and how He wants to use us as a community of believers and as individuals. January saw a number of changes in direction for me.

New Direction for Outreach to our Community

First, we will not be sending a team to Greece this year. In this season in the life of Trinity Church, Pastor Jim and I decided it was prudent to postpone this trip. We felt it was important for everyone to be able to focus on the goal of bringing a new permanent pastor to lead and serve our congregation.

This does not mean we will not have a missions outreach in 2018. We are planning an outreach scenario (probably two weeks) later this year to the Muslim community in the Rancho San Diego/El Cajon area. The majority of Muslims are recent immigrants, new to our country and city.

We are looking at various options for training and outreach to grow a group from Trinity Church to reach a needy part of our community for Jesus. Most of these people have never heard what Jesus has done for them. Some have only had negative experiences with the “outside” world. Many are longing for “American” friends – missing the close communities they had in their countries of origin. We have an incredible opportunity to serve these needy ones as Jesus would have done. Much of what they need costs nothing in terms of dollars and cents, but what they need is our time and friendship.

The training that will likely be provided will include cultural understanding that creates a better environment for communication, some simple Arabic phrases, comparison of the Quran and the Bible, and ways we can be help and not be a hindrance.

Please Pray

Please pray as we begin to pull together ideas, resources, and organizations that can help us learn how we can best serve and bless this community. Pray also about becoming a part of this new outreach of Trinity Church. Pray about doing something new – getting out of the boat of security and walk on water with Jesus as the focus.

New Responsibility

Secondly, my responsibilities now include producing the bulletin, announcements, and song sheets. If you have a notice for the weekly announcements, please email them by Wednesday at noon to my address below.

Rebecca DeBreau

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Did You Know?

Stuff You Can Find Out on our Website – trinitypres.org

- You can hear sermons you may have missed. Under the “Ministries” header you can find “Sermons.” The sermons are set up by month. You can skip to the week you want by clicking the forward button.
- We will soon have online giving available. You will be able to create your own secure online account, pay your tithe, and give pledges to other ministries of Trinity Church, including Trinity Christian School.
- A short biography of each of the Trinity Church staff members is available on the website under the heading “About Us” under “Staff.”
- Past newsletters are available for viewing in color. Under the “Ministries” heading, you will find “Newsletters.”

CLIPPERS

Saturday • February 17th

Our speaker is
Maureen O'Conner

She will teach us how to use the defibrillator located in Williams Hall.

This knowledge will be beneficial to all church members.

We meet at 5:45 p.m. for a fantastic 6:00 p.m. potluck dinner. GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

Please contact Debbie Torres at 619-916-7803 or Venita Barry at 619-698-4545 for more information.

Presbyterian Women

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

February 6 | 9:30 a.m. - Board Meeting • Ward Center

February 13 | **The Gathering • Williams Hall**
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Business Meeting
11:00 a.m. **Legislative Update**
State Senator's Staff Member
12:00 p.m. Luncheon by Circle Two

February 20 | 9:30 a.m. Crafts • Ward Center
6:30 p.m. Circle 3 • Debbie Torres' home

February 24 | 9:30 a.m. Last Saturday Sewing/Quilting
Ward Center

February 27 | 9:30 a.m. Circle 1 and 2 • Pat Palmore's Home

SAVE THE DATE • April 27, 28 & 29, 2018 2018 Women's Retreat

Pursuing Your Creative Calling

with **Dr. Karen Boden**

at **Pine Valley Christian Conference Center**



Cost	Early Registration	\$140 (by March 25th)
	General Registration	\$150 (after March 25th)
	Saturday Only	\$ 55
	Deposit required	\$ 25

Sign up with Barbara Wells before and after Sunday service starting in mid-February.

Happy February, Trinity Family!

want to thank you all for praying for God’s grace on the finances of Trinity Church last year. His mercy has seen us through many changes, with many more in store for 2018. With your help and faithfulness, we

closed December 2017 meeting all of our financial obligations, as well as some unexpected expenses. By the grace of God, we walk forward together in 2018, serving and loving each other as He loves us.

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	December 2017 Final	2017 Year to Date (As of 12/31/17)	January 2018 (As of 1/26/18)	Year to Date 2018
BUDGETED INCOME	\$32,762.80	\$393,153.56	\$34,291.51	\$34,291.51
ACTUAL INCOME	\$40,430.53	\$417,920.55	\$51,515.42	\$51,515.42
DIFFERENCE	\$7,667.73	\$ 24,766.99	\$17,223.91	\$17,223.91
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$28,078.78	\$333,170.64	\$20,301.27	\$13,184.34
INCOME – EXPENSE	\$12,351.75	\$ 84,749.91	\$ 7,919.20	\$16,977.54

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Beginning February 21, 2018

We will begin a new study! “Contagious Christian”

5:00 p.m. – Gathering

5:30 p.m. – Dinner

6:30 p.m. – “Contagious Christian”

Join us for a potluck dinner format, great fellowship, and an excellent study on Wednesday evenings.

If you have any questions, please contact Yasmin or Pastor Jim.



**There will be NO meeting February 14th –
it's Valentine's Day!**

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