



## Words from Our Pastor | Pray without Ceasing



Rev. Brent Barclay | Pastor

... *pray without ceasing* ... 1 Thessalonians 5:17

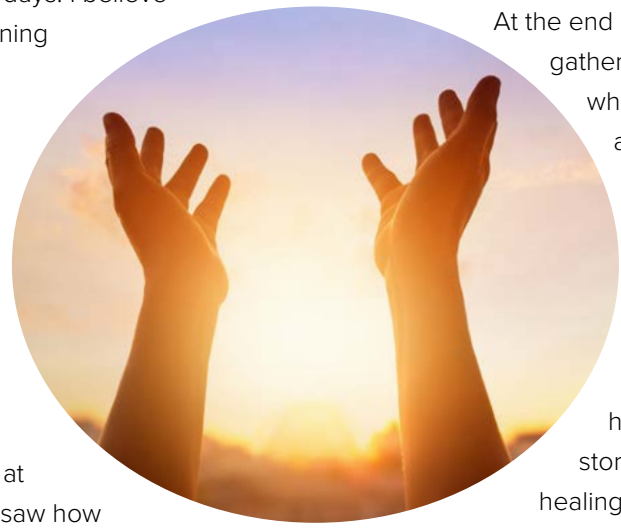
### Greetings Everyone!

**T**rinity Church just finished a dedicated 40 days of intimate prayer with God. Small groups formed to check in weekly and discuss what they have been experiencing and learning as they spent 40 days in prayer.

Now, it is not as if anyone was not praying before these 40 days! I believe what was happening was that people were committing themselves to praying differently. Maybe they prayed more frequently than before, tried praying in another style, or at different times. I saw how many people tried to pray more boldly, asking God for bigger dreams and risks and desiring to see things about God they did not see before.

And you know what? Things started happening! I heard that people shared

startling stories in these prayer groups. People saw prayers they never thought God would answer suddenly answered. People discovered something new about God and began to see things a little more like how God sees things. People learned things about themselves, things they need to work on, or affirmations about how God views them!



At the end of the 40 days, we gathered to celebrate what God was doing and to share stories about what being intentional in prayer was doing among our church. I was amazed to hear such beautiful stories of victory, healing, connection, and growth. Many people probably thought they had learned a little and grown a bit. Instead, they found out they grew a lot! Even though the 40 days of prayer are over, that does not mean our days of

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praying are over! I pray this is the beginning of new things when people take what they discovered and build upon it. If you grew in a new prayer discipline, keep growing! If you found a fresh voice in conversation with God, keep expanding your prayer vocabulary! If you prayed boldly and found an answer in your boldness, pray even bolder!

Praying without ceasing sounds lovely until you think about how hard that is. We cease praying all the time! Our “amens” become “goodbyes” in our conversations with God, only to be picked up down the road when we say “hello” to God once again. To pray without ceasing

is to discover all the ways, great and small, we can be in conversation with God. We learn to find little seconds and moments where we can share a thought with God.

For many of us, saying a prayer is like going for a walk. Prayer is an intentional action that takes a while to complete. Yet, we take steps throughout the day! May you recognize that prayers to God can be like the steps you take throughout the day, whether a long walk or the steps you take from one room to another.

Pastor Brent

## Wednesday Night Bible Study | Create Your Testimony

Join us for a potluck and Bible study. The potluck begins at 5:30 p.m. and the study starts at 6:00 p.m. We plan to end around 7:00 p.m.

Contact Pastor Brent for more information at [brent@trinitypres.org](mailto:brent@trinitypres.org)



## Missions | Operation Christmas Child



Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Christmas shoe boxes will be available on October 1st after church. Instructions will be available with the shoe boxes. OCC requests that each box contain \$10.00 to help with processing and delivery. You are welcome to fill more

than one box. The final day for returning them to the church is Sunday, November 12th. We want to pack enough boxes to stack in front of the pulpit so we cannot see Pastor Brent.

Ardis Rowland  
Missions Elder

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## Monday Morning Bible Study | New and Improved!



It's important to update things from time to time. The Precept Bible Study has been going on for many years. It started at least 25 years ago, BUT we plan to become a Bible study using different studies, including Precept materials and others. This Bible study is free and open to both men and women, and you receive a new Bible for free!

We kick off our discussions on Monday, October 9th. We meet on Monday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to approximately 11:30 a.m. in Ward Center. We will finish near Easter, with breaks for Christmas and

Thanksgiving. We have two co-teachers: Linda Hensley and Bobette Barfod.

This year, we will be reading Immerse - Beginnings using the New Living Translation – it will come alive for you. We even show videos about what we read. We read Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy - the Pentateuch. This study provides a chance to understand how the New Testament connects to the Old Testament.

If you have questions, talk with Bobette or text her at 310.365.0715.

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Sneak Peak of what's to come...

## Opportunity Quilts Available this Year at the Fall Festival

**This year choose the quilt that speaks to you - purchase your tickets and put them in the appropriate bucket and see if it's your lucky year. Winners will be drawn at the Fall Festival held the first weekend in November (need not be present to win). Watch for ticket sales to begin soon. All proceeds go to support our missionaries.**



# Trinity Christian School | A New School Year Begins

## School is in Session

**T**rinity Christian School (TCS) buzzes with excitement as the new school year kicks off. The classrooms are filled with the laughter and chatter of eager students ready to learn. At Trinity Christian School, education is not just about academics. It is about nurturing character, fostering faith, and building a strong sense of community. With the most amazing teachers, each day is covered in prayer, knowing that the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of everything we do. Join us in prayer as we embark on this new year, please.

## Back-to-School Picnic

As always, our annual Back-to-School Picnic set the stage for relationships and community for this school year.

We allowed each student to bring their supplies to the classroom and meet their teacher. Afterward, everyone gathered in the quad for juicy hamburgers and hotdogs. Yummy! Excitement filled the air as students reunited with past friends and met new classmates.

## Student Council Elections

Student Council elections are a highly anticipated event in our school community. Elections allow students to voice their ideas and for emerging leaders to step forward. With campaign posters lining the basketball court, the students looked forward to hearing all the candidates share their plans for a better TCS. Candidates, each with their unique vision and passion, present their speeches with their peers, promising positive change and representation for



all. As election day approached, candidates prepared their presentations, and delivered them with grace and courage. Some students included props and posters to enhance their speeches, including a six-foot dinosaur and a seven-foot chicken. The opportunity to experience democracy on a small scale makes this time very special. After the students cast their ballots and we announced the results, it was a moment of celebration at the declaration of the winners. The student body chose the following students: Nathan Garcia - President, Finn Wheale - Vice President, Zach Matulevich - Secretary, Drake Hansen - Treasurer, and Daniel Lian - Chaplain.

### TCS Hoedown

Instead of a Sock Hop this year, TCS decided to host a down-home hoedown. Country-themed games and dances will make for a night of fun festivities. We look forward to showing you some pictures in the November issue of the Press newsletter!

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Above: Mrs. Drummond and Garret share a fun afternoon conversation.

## Clippers



Ahoy Mates,

The good Clipper Ship docked at Williams Hall on Saturday, September 16th, to enjoy food, fellowship, and our annual auction. James Scholder was once again our auctioneer. He was very proficient and quite entertaining. We had

several guests and raised a tidy sum to bless our missionaries.

After singing the Doxology, Robin Mayo announced that everyone passed the

audition and should show up for choir practice.

Our Clipper ship will dock again on October 21st at Williams Hall for food, fellowship, and a presentation by Pamela Monroe on piano and Melanie Plett on cello. They have an entertaining program I am sure all will enjoy. We will meet at 12:45 p.m. Bring a friend and something good to eat, and we will all be blessed.

Yer trusty signalman,  
Jack, the ancient mariner

## Presbyterian Women

**Fall is here! That means the Fall Craft Festival is right around the corner on November 4th and 5th.**

We would love donations of your favorite bread, cookie, muffin, candy, or pie. The dessert table is one of the most popular sections at the Festival. We appreciate the homemade, but the purchased items are okay. Also needed are any craft items you may have been working on. Please bring them to Williams Hall on November 3rd

after 9:00 a.m. We will serve lunch. Invite your friends. Come and enjoy a great time of fellowship.

The program for Presbyterian Women's October 10th Gathering will be about Samaritan's Purse. Our Gathering is another opportunity to invite a friend.

Ardis Rowland  
Secretary

# Financial Update | How Are We Doing?

*Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.” 1 Timothy 6:17*

## Greetings Trinity Church Family,

God is well and truly good. By His hand, we thankfully met our financial obligations this month. Thank you for your faithful giving. I will mail the third quarter giving statements in the next few weeks.

Soon, we will begin asking God what he expects of us as stewards of Trinity Church in the coming year and

seeking his provision for us. We rejoice and give thanks for all God provides on his hill.

Please prayerfully consider joining us and supporting the financial longevity of Trinity Church, our ministries, and our programs in 2024.

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	<b>August 2023 Final</b>	<b>September 2023 (as of 9/21/2023)</b>	<b>Year-to-Date (as of 9/21/2023)</b>
<b>PROJECTED &amp; PLEDGED INCOME</b>	\$ 25,354.36	\$ 27,154.36	\$ 240,789.20
<b>ACTUAL INCOME RECEIVED</b>	\$ 25,222.10	\$ 11,887.94	\$ 235,393.41
<b>PROJECTED MINUS ACTUAL INCOME RCVD DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>– \$ 132.26</b>	<b>– \$15,266.42</b>	<b>– \$ 5,395.79</b>
<b>CURRENT EXPENSE ACTUAL</b>	\$ 59,566.16	\$ 33,672.11	\$ 367,752.35
<b>TOTAL ACTUAL INCOME – ACTUAL EXPENSE:</b>	<b>– \$ 34,344.06</b>	<b>– \$ 21,784.17</b>	<b>– \$132,358.94</b>

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# MARK YOUR CALENDER

## Our Annual Fall Festival

**Friday, November 3rd &  
Saturday, November 4th**

**Browse beautiful unique crafts, homemade jams and jellies, and our delectable dessert section. Purchase opportunity tickets for a chance to win one of four handmade lap quilts. All proceeds go to our missionaries.**



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