



Words from Our Pastor | Learning to Walk



Rev. Brent Barclay | Pastor

For we walk by faith, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:7

Greetings Everyone!

One of the highlights for our family this summer was watching our baby Hannah take her first steps. All summer, while we were on vacation, we'd see her try to stand against things to build that confidence in her legs. She had quickly learned to crawl fast and seemed to prefer it. Imagine all the walking we did on vacation and having to carry her all the way!

So, of course, as soon as we returned home from our trips, she decided to take her first steps all by herself. That was about six weeks ago, and now she cannot stop! She runs and runs, spins in circles, climbs onto the couch, and has even learned to open some doors!

And six weeks ago, she crawled on the ground.

Walking is an image we find throughout the Bible. It can be metaphorical or even literal. We think of our "with" God as a journey. We are moving in a direction, heading towards something in our relationship with God.

Walking also allows us to see a change.

When we walk somewhere, we end up in a different place than we were before. In terms of our relationship with God, it is a sign of progress, learning, maturity, and growth.

Watching a baby crawl, you can see their brains at work. Sure, she is moving and getting somewhere, but she also sees others moving while standing up on two legs. They are moving faster. Though it looks complicated, the results are apparent. Walking looks a lot better than crawling.



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So, babies take those steps purely by faith, not sure if it will work, but knowing that if they can pull this off, it will change everything!

That's our faith journey, isn't it?! We are always taking steps of faith, not sure how it will go, but knowing it is worth it.

And then, before we know it, we are running, jumping, sprinting, climbing, you name it. We are experiencing life in ways we never dreamed of. We are experiencing God in ways we never knew were possible.

And it can happen in a matter of weeks. Today, you can still take a new step in faith, try something new, and experience something fresh about God. Before you know it, you will look back, seeing when you were only crawling. Yeah, you were *moving*, but now you're *running*.

Pastor Brent

OPEN MIC NIGHT @ *the Rocks*

CHRISTIAN MUSIC | SPOKEN WORD | PAINTING

September 16, 2023
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

**Bring your own blanket, towel,
or folding chair!**

Come and encourage local artists!

We want to give space for local Christian artists to share their talent in a safe and supportive space whether it is music, spoken word, painting, or drawing.

**If you wish to
participate, please
contact Kekoa at
619.808.6814.
Share your artistic
gift with others!**

Youth Ministry | Youth Group Starts Meeting on Sundays!

I am excited to announce the start of a Sunday Youth Group here at Trinity Church. The goals for this fall will be to deepen the spiritual lives of the youth, promote Christian fellowship, and search reverently for the truth in God's Word. We have fun upcoming dates, including a beach bonfire on September 1st from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at South Mission Beach and the start of Sunday Youth group on September 10th. I am currently looking into a Fall Retreat in

Jamul, California, through an organization called "Up Country." They offer a fun outdoor experience for youth. I have been searching and praying for Youth Group volunteers on Wednesdays and Sundays. Contact me please if you are interested in helping.

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FALL KICK-OFF

Youth Group

SIXTH TO TWELVETH GRADE

Sunday mornings | 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday afternoons | 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Starting September 10th, we will have Youth Group during the Sunday service.

On September 13th, our weekly meetings on Wednesdays return. We meet in the youth room. Contact Joe Burke at joe@trinitypres.org for more information.

Sunday School

NEWBORN TO FIFTH GRADE

Sunday mornings | 9:30 a.m.

Our Sunday School continues on Sunday mornings. Sign-in is in the nursery.

Wed. Night Bible Study

On Wednesday, September 20th, we plan to gather to celebrate what God did during our 40 days of prayer. We will share a potluck meal at 5:30 p.m. and share testimonies about what God did.

Beginning September 27th, Pastor Brent begins a new Bible study series after a potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m. The study starts at 6:30 p.m. Watch our bulletin inserts or check the website for more information. Contact Pastor Brent at brent@trinitypres.org for more information.

Children's Ministry | Making a Joyful Noise (and Dance!)

On Sunday, August 13th, our Sunday school children showed up during the service to perform a delightful song and dance! The children thrilled our hearts with their simple joy.



Trinity Christian School | A New School Year Begins

Back to School

The sidewalks of Trinity Christian School (TCS) are once again brimming with life and laughter as students eagerly step through the doors, ready to embrace the new school year. The excitement is palpable, a mixture of reuniting with friends after a break and embarking on a journey of learning and growth. With backpacks slung over their shoulders and smiles on their faces, students are excited to see what this year will bring.

TCS staff has also been prepping for the new school year. Teachers and their assistants worked hard over the summer to prepare a warm and inviting environment for students to learn and grow.

School Improvements

We have had an exciting summer for improvements. We have long-awaited new flooring in the lower classrooms. Preschool, kindergarten, and first-grade classrooms received new VCF flooring in a beautiful white tone. Replacing 20-year-old flooring was no easy task, but a team of 10 hard-working men completed four classrooms in four days!

Also, we have received new windows. These beautiful windows have already made such a difference in our classrooms. Adding safety, efficiency, and style to the building, we are so pleased to have been given this gift.

Bottom photo: Our newly painted ball wall.



IMPROVING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS



Theme Verse

Annually, TCS chooses a theme verse to focus on. This year, the scripture is Philippians 2:14-16a:

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.”[a] Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life.

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More photos of the wonderful people who helped improve our school grounds.

New On Trinity Church Staff | Frank Amador • Worship Director

When he was seven, Frank Amador began taking formal piano lessons in classical music. At 12, he rebelled and wanted to explore performance in pop bands. This experience led to working as a music producer and arranger at 16. He recorded on various record labels. He accepted the Lord as his Savior at Skyline Wesleyan Church during this time.

Frank studied music, focusing on education and vocal performance at Southwestern College and SDSU. He has been a music teacher and



director in schools and churches for over 30 years with public schools and Catholic, Baptist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, non-denominational churches and schools, and the military. He has experience with children, youth, adult, and senior choirs.

He loves to start and revive programs from scratch, helping to build and progress congregational growth. He felt an instant chemistry and calling to stimulate the music program at Trinity Church.

Frank is married and has two children.

Clippers



Ahoy Mates,

On September 16th the good clipper ship HMS Trinity is coming back in port and will dock at Williams Hall at 12:45 p.m. Fortunately nobody shot an albatross, so we had fair winds and following seas.

Bring something good to eat and we will enjoy a good potluck lunch. That will be

followed by a devotion by our Chaplin, Dick Adams.

Our annual auction will be next on the agenda. You may have something you once treasured, but no longer need, that someone else will treasure. Bring it along. The funds we raise will go to support our missionaries. Y'all come and bring a friend. All are welcome.

Yer trusty signalman,

Jack, the ancient mariner

Presbyterian Women

On Tuesday, September 12th, Mike Heidbrink from Thrivent Lutheran Financial Services will speak. We will continue our videos from Sight and Sound Christian Theater. We meet from 9:30 a.m. with our Bible study to 12:00 p.m. We fellowship over lunch afterwards.

We have been crafting all summer in anticipation of the Fall Festival. Mark your calendars for November 3rd and 4th for this wonderful, yearly event!

Ardis Rowland
Secretary - Presbyterian Women

Happy
Fall



Financial Update | How Are We Doing?

He cares about the needs of His children. 1 Peter 5:7

Greetings Trinity Church Family,

God indeed cares about our needs, and He has poured out His blessings on Trinity Church by your love, generosity, and continued faithfulness.

As we head into fall, God provided for all of our financial obligations, including missions, and a few projects around the property. God is good.

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	July 2023 Final	August 2023 (as of 8/28/2023)	Year-to-Date (as of 8/28/2023)
PROJECTED & PLEDGED INCOME	\$ 25,354.36	\$ 25,354.36	\$ 213,613.84
ACTUAL INCOME RECEIVED	\$ 25,615.64	\$ 24,655.84	\$ 222,939.21
PROJECTED MINUS ACTUAL INCOME RCVD DIFFERENCE	\$ 261.28	– \$ 698.52	\$ 9,325.37
CURRENT EXPENSE ACTUAL	\$ 33,638.16	\$ 45,014.44	\$ 319,528.52
TOTAL ACTUAL INCOME – ACTUAL EXPENSE:	– \$ 8,022.52	– \$ 20,358.60	– \$ 96,589.31

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TRINITY CHURCH INVITES YOU TO JOIN US

CHRISTIAN

OPEN MIC NIGHT

@the Rocks

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See inside for more information!

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