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Words from Pastor

It is a delight and great privilege to serve as your Interim Pastor. It is clear that God has a wonderful future for this church, its ministries on the church campus, and its impact on the surrounding community.

As I have prayed about leading Trinity and evaluated how to best move forward, the need for a clear focus for the immediate future has become apparent. This focus should be on making disciples of Jesus Christ in a healthy community of faith.

I am still seeking input from a number of people regarding this focus and next steps. However, in order for us to move toward building a healthy community of faith we are launching the Midweek Gathering event that begins on Wednesday, September 20th. Live music begins around 5:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 5:30 p.m. (catered by i•Que BBQ). After dinner, there will be activities for all ages – Kids Kingdom, Youth Ministry, and adult-learning time. Please plan to be a part of this weekly community-building time.

Speaking of live music, Leigh Taylor has recently been commissioned by our Session to serve as a "Missionary through Music." Leigh's musical gifts combine with his heart for people to know Jesus. His music conveys God's restorative love and grace. He ministers at the San Diego Rescue Mission, the Learning Center (a halfway house), the Ladle Ministry (serving the homeless) downtown, and other venues. Pray for Leigh and his ministry. You may also support him financially. A fund is in place to facilitate his support.

Another Session-approved enhancement to our ministry is the expansion of Rebecca DeBreau's role to include adult spiritual formation (or discipleship). Rebecca has a real heart for people to be Jesus' disciples, to grow deep in faith and understanding, and to live as Christ-followers. Her expanded role will serve our focus on disciple-making.

Please pray for Trinity Church and Trinity Christian School as they kick off the new year, and for God to be glorified in all we say, all we do, all we are, and all we will become as we journey together as a community of faith.

With you in the adventure of faith,

Pastor Jim



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THANK YOU, BRIE! • WELCOME, KRISTA!

Brie Barcenas has stepped down as Children's Ministry Director. She wanted to be able to spend more time with her family. We want to thank her for the amazing job she did, especially with the 2017 Vacation Bible School.

Krista Young has stepped in to be our new Children's Ministry Director. Please welcome Krista to her new role.

Our Summer Outreach in Photos!

Vacation Bible School



August Movie Nights

Vacation Bible School 2017

Monday, July 31st, our Galactic Starveyors Vacation Bible School (VBS) began. We made the decision to offer VBS free of charge this year. Boy, did God pack the house! We had 70+ children every day along with our amazing group of volunteers.

We would like to thank Venita Barry, Sharlene Park, and Serena Stimpson for the amazing galactic-themed snacks! Thank you to Rebecca Casey for counting buckets and buckets of coins. Thank you, Lois Moravec, Deanna Stevens, and Lori Clough, for getting everyone checked in and out each day. Thank you to Ardis Rowland, Connie Wilson, Carolyn

Baker, and Bobette Barfod for your amazing teaching. Thank you to Linda Shepersky and Pat Palmore for leading crafts. Thanks to Theresa Schwartz, Sue Johnson, David Van Dyne, Zane Riggs, and Garrett for keeping the kids entertained during games. Thanks to Katrena Roberts for leading worship in such a fun way. Thanks to Margy Becker for being our resident astronaut, and to John Barry and Pastor Jim Wilson for the live music. Thank you to Riley Casey for running the sound booth, and Jessie Allen for always being there! Thanks to all our group leaders: Hope Carney, Emily Palmore, Kya Taylor, Jill Boaz, Ireen Issa, Nona Eichelberger,

Abby Becker, and Rosanna Palmore, for making sure the kids got where they were going. Thanks to everyone who helped out behind the scenes as well: Peggy Watkins, Bob and Linda Hensley, and anyone we may have missed. We COULDN'T have done this without you!

Brieana Barcenas and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Please enjoy some photos from the week of VBS shown to the left.

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Leigh Taylor, Urban Missionary

Greetings! It's your friendly, neighborhood urban missionary, Leigh Taylor, here. I just wanted to let you know what I've been doing since mid-July. I've played more than usual. Some were solo gigs, but I often played with an ever-changing lineup of awesome musicians. We now call ourselves *Leigh Taylor's Tribal Elders*.

There are some gigs that I do regularly, like every other month. Those are the ones that are at places like homeless shelters, prisons, etc. I like these kinds of gigs. They don't pay much, if anything. I call them Ministry 1 gigs, M1 for short.

Then there are gigs that are at actual venues for music – coffee houses, an occasional Christian music festival, etc. I call these Ministry 2, or M2 gigs for short. It's all ministry, but there's a definite, obvious difference between those attending.

Here's what the *Tribal Elders* and I have been doing over the summer:

July 20 - Celebrate Recovery

An M1 gig for people recovering from addictions. This one is all the way up in Dana Point!

July 21 - Angel City Coffee House

An M2 gig in Bellflower that I've done twice a year for the past few years. I'm actually wondering if I should continue ministering here. Prayers, please!

August 3 - 1st Christian Coffee House

This is an M1 gig in Oceanside that calls itself a coffee house, but is actually an outreach to the area homeless, offering food, clothing, and a place to hang out on Thursday evenings. Love this place!

August 18 - Gathering Grounds

This is an M2 gig in Chula Vista. This was our first time playing here. A few Trinity folks even found their way there. Seems promising!



August 19 - Venice Beach Gospel Fest

An M1 gig under the guise of a free music concert. Food, clothing, and prayer aplenty were given out! The next one is this time next year. That will be 21 years in a row!

Lastly, I'm going to play with the *San Diego Banjo Band* twice a month. It's an opportunity, without opening my mouth, to play some cool tunes from the 20s, 30s, and 40s!

I'll keep you posted as to what's going on, and try to think of a better way to present it! Thank you for your prayers and support! That's all for now.

Blessings!

The 2017-2018 School Year Begins!

The new school year will begin on Tuesday, September 5th with our traditional classroom meet-and-greet followed by a school-wide picnic. Formal classes will begin the following morning.

Mrs. Linda Shepersky retired last June after serving the Lord at Trinity Christian School (TCS) for many years. Mrs. Tina Bowidowicz (Mrs. B) will be team-teaching in her place in first grade with Mrs. Debi Kohl. We have 20 new families throughout the school, and we are hoping to host six to seven Korean students for 10-20 weeks as well. God has been truly faithful to TCS since 1969, and we are looking forward to seeing what He will do as we begin another school year here on the Trinity hill.

“Academic Excellence Faith in Action”

The daily business of the school is obviously focused on academic excellence through a biblical perspective. Throughout the year, our students practice putting their faith into action by participating in various activities and events. These events

and activities include our Mission Week and Serve-a-thon, Operation Christmas Child, Children’s Hospital, MOM’s, Feeding America, Tecate Mission School, visiting rest homes, beach cleanups, and supporting Travis Klingforth, a former TCS student, serving in Kenya. The students also perform Christmas programs, Dad’s Chapel, Mom’s Chapel, Grandparent’s Chapel and Patriotic Chapel as a way to reach out to others in Jesus name. This year we have chosen the following scripture verse as faith is our focus: *“Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.”* Hebrews 11:1

During their school days, love for God and others is nurtured, lifelong friendships are made, Christ-like character is developed, and wisdom is manifested through academic excellence.

We still have a few spots open in some classes so please be sure to let friends and family know about TCS. Trinity Church members are offered a 20 percent discount on tuition. There is information in the kiosk in Williams

Hall and in the church office. The website is www.trinitycs.org, the office number is 619-462-6440, and you can tune into KPRZ to listen for Trinity’s “spot” on the radio.



Sharon Axe
Principal



Jimmie Drummond
Principal

P.S. The school was delighted to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for church and school use. It is located in Williams Hall, attached to the backside of the wall on the northwest corner by the women’s bathroom.

Youth Group

A Summer of Fun in the Sun

The youth group had a great summer of fun in the sun! We had 14 different students join us for four Bay Days with jet skis, BBQs, and bonfires, as well as an awesome pool party. We’re looking forward to more

fun events this fall including Sleepless San Diego, a homeless awareness event in partnership with the San Diego Rescue Mission. We’re also planning to combine efforts with Trinity Christian School after-school sports programs

and the Trinity Church youth group to attract more students on Wednesdays.

Let’s keep spreading the word as we continue our youth group rebuilding efforts and honor the Lord in our service.



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Movie Nights and Discipleship

My summer flew by. I accomplished plenty, but I was unable to get to a number of projects. My hope was to completely redesign the website. I just started this project last week. I did finish a number of other design projects including the greeting sign for Williams Hall, the Trinity Press, and a few important forms. I also oversaw the August Movie Nights.

The movie nights were a lot of fun. More than 120 people attended the first movie night because the Vacation Bible School performance was held just before the movie played. At least 50 people attended each of the

remaining movie nights. The Friday Night Home Fellowship provided dinner for all four nights. I am so thankful for their commitment and hard work!

I did spend some time this summer reading on discipleship to prepare to help lead this aspect of Trinity's vision. The books I read included *Sticky Church*, *Not a Fan*, *Building Small Groups*, and *Accidental Pharisees*.

I am deeply struck by how important personal relationships were to Jesus, the apostles, and the early church. If we are in authentic relationships with other believers and with God, we are

able to grow. If we don't have these relationships, we tend to become fans rather than followers of Jesus.

I am excited to see what September brings Trinity Church with the Gail Bones workshop for women, the new Precepts Bible study starting on the names of God, and the upcoming midweek gatherings. My prayer for Trinity Church is that we see more of the amazing love of God each day.

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The Midweek Gathering

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is the purpose for the Midweek Gathering?

At this point in the life of Trinity Church, there is a significant need to build unity as a community of faith. This weekly gathering of people of all ages will help us build a strong faith community.

What will happen during these Midweek Gatherings?

The doors open at 5:00 p.m. for socializing with special music in the background. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. From approximately 6:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., we will engage in intergenerational activities around the tables. At 6:30 p.m., the children will head to Kids Kingdom, teens to Youth Group, and the adults will have a time of Bible-centered study and discussion. The evenings will end no later than 7:30 p.m.

Why is the dinner being catered?

In the past, teams graciously and generously prepared meals for midweek events. Having catered meals frees all our people to participate in the evening activities. Remember the goal is to build community.

What does the meal cost?

Tyrone Hopkins, owner of i•Que BBQ Catering, has generously agreed to provide the meals for \$6.00 per person. We are capping that at a maximum of \$20.00 per family to make it affordable. Some may offer additional donations to underwrite the cost of the meals. The staff was treated to a sampler of i•Que's food; BBQ chicken, ribs, slider patties, side dishes, etc. It was delicious!

What if I am unable to afford the cost of dinner?

The most important thing is that you come, enjoy the meal and community-building time together. Contribute what you can for the dinner. We can be confident that God will provide.

How can I pray for these midweek Gatherings?

Ask God to use these evenings as a means of our getting better acquainted, connecting with one another at a deeper level, building a robust unity as we study God's Word and apply it to our lives, and as we gain a clearer focus for the future ministry of Trinity Church.

CLIPPERS

Saturday September 16th

Linda Canada, Archivist of the Japanese American Society of San Diego, will be doing a presentation on the **Japanese Americans and their Contribution to the History of Spring Valley.**

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 619-460-2833 or Venita Barry at 619-698-4545 for further information.



HEALING CFO

Here is another opportunity to experience a unique time with the Lord.

**Jesus is the Living Water!
Come and drink from that
Water.**

September 23-27, 2017
Holy Spirit Retreat Center
Encino, CA

Brochures will be available in the near future.

Presbyterian Women

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

- September 5 |** 9:30 a.m. • Board Meeting - Ward Center
- September 9 |** **Creative Conversation with God** | Gail Bones • Williams Hall
Please make reservations after church or call the office
- September 12 |** The Gathering • Williams Hall
9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Linda Hensley
10:30 a.m. Short Business Meeting
11:00 a.m. **2017 Summer Mission Trip to China**
Daniel Nielson
12:00 p.m. Luncheon by Circle One
- September 19 |** 9:30 a.m. • Crafts • Ward Center
6:00 p.m. • Circle 3 Bible Study
Debbie Torres' home
- September 26 |** 9:30 a.m. • Circle 1 and 2 Bible Study
Pat Palmore's Home
- September 23 |** 9:00 a.m. • Quilting

MILITARY OUTREACH MINISTRY

The distribution center for MOM held an open house in June. Michele Woodard, Venita Barry, and Cherie Klaiber attended and were impressed at the enthusiasm, organization and caring that was shown for the outreach to the military families (Junior Enlisted E-5 and below). Watch for the date of the next open house planned in the month of October. It's good to see one of the church's ministries in action.

At the San Diego Military Outreach Ministries (SDMOM), the sacrifices that military families make for us is recognized by giving a little back to show our appreciation. It's a ministry to active-duty military families who are experiencing difficulty living in the San Diego economy. Everything the ministry provides is free of charge. There are regular food and bread distributions, and a Distribution Center where the following items are distributed:

- Household items: dishes, pots/pans small appliances, linens, etc.
- Diapers (sizes: NB, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
- Baby wipes, formula and baby food
- Children's clothing, toys, books, hygiene items
- Baby equipment when available: strollers, pac 'n' plays, high chairs, etc.)

If you would like to help at our distribution center or at our food and bread distribution locations, please email office@sandiegomom.org and let us know how you would like to help and when you are available (days and times).

If you would like to make a tax-deductible monetary donation, please make your check payable to San Diego Military Outreach Ministries or SDMOM, and mail it to SDMOM, P.O. Box 3030, La Mesa, CA 91944-3030. Visit us at www.sandiegomom.org.

The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed. Proverbs 11:25 NLT

Dear Trinity Family –
 God's grace has seen us through another summer, and it's exciting to look forward to the refreshment the Lord has in store for us this fall. Through your faithfulness, He has blessed us consistently, and

met Trinity's every need, including the much-needed work on our parking lot. Thank you to everyone who made this project possible.

Soon we will begin our annual time of Stewardship and set the budget for 2018. Please be in prayer for how you will share your time, talents, and treasures with Trinity Church for 2018. Please pray for the Finance

Committee as we seek the Lord's plan for His church. May we always be faithful to His will for the finances here at Trinity Church.

Joyfully in Christ,

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	June 2017 Final	July 2017 Final	Year to Date 2017 (As of 8/25/17)
BUDGETED INCOME	\$32,762.80	\$32,762.80	\$262,102.36
ACTUAL INCOME	\$30,705.85	\$37,586.98	\$261,202.91
DIFFERENCE	– \$ 2,056.95	\$ 4,824.18	–\$ 1,081.45
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$24,387.94	\$38,196.66	\$214,466.67
INCOME – EXPENSE	\$ 6,397.91	–\$ 609.68	\$ 46,554.24

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Starting Wednesday, September 20th

Building Community @ TRINITY CHURCH



Age-Related Programs

Kids Kingdom

Preschool - 5th Grade | Nursery

Youth Group

6th - 12th Grade | Youth Room

Adults | Williams Hall

\$6.00 per person
\$20.00 maximum per family

5:00 p.m. Gathering Time
5:30 p.m. Dinner
6:15 p.m. Intergenerational Interaction
6:30 p.m. Split off into appropriate age-related programs

Please RSVP by September 17th
Call Yasmin at 619.465.3011

Featuring I•QUE Smart BBQ

I•Que BBQ was founded in May 2017 by Tyrone Hopkins, a Christian businessman who loves Jesus and BBQ! He is giving us a great deal on our meal, and we can help spread the word about his delicious food!

Coming in
October & November!

SUNDAY, October 1ST

ONE Service at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

SATURDAY, October 7TH

**Annual Church
Rummage Sale!**

SATURDAY, November 4TH

Annual Fall Festival

Remember! You can see this publication in color. Just go to the Trinity Church website and click on "Press" in the navigation bar.

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