



March 2021

## Words from Our Pastor



### Hello Everyone!

We are in the season of Lent, marking the time where we prepare for Easter. Lent is traditionally when we honor the sacrifice that Jesus made by reflecting on the themes of sacrifice, holiness, and temptation. The 40 days of Lent traditionally correspond to the 40 days that Jesus was in the wilderness without food, only to face temptation by the devil after the 40 days. It also can represent the 40 years that Israel spent wandering in the wilderness after the exodus from Egypt on their way to the promised land.

**Rev. Brent Barclay**  
Pastor

Many Christians observe Lent by the familiar tradition of either giving up something or adding a new discipline to their routines. A lot of people give up a food item or change their diets. Some people try to alter their language or remove certain types of thoughts from their thinking. The idea is that whenever you are tempted to eat that bad food, or say those nasty words, or have those mean thoughts, you remember that you are in the moment, facing temptation. You also become aware of how frequently you face temptation in a given day!

It's in those moments of realizing that you are facing temptation, that you remember your need to rely on God to help you face those temptations and try to get around them, block them out, or turn and run away from them. We cannot face our temptations alone. We need the protection and guidance of God.

As I mentioned earlier, some people choose not to focus on removing something but adding a discipline. Lent is often a season where people try to pray or read their Bible every day. They might also add an activity where they can clear their mind and listen to God, such as going for a daily walk or exercise. The thinking here is, when you want to add something to your already full day, something has to give! When we add something important to our lives, we can often see those things that are unimportant. We can then remove them from our lives. People realize that they watch too much TV or spend too much time on their phones, for example.

It says in 1 Corinthians 10:13 *"No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength,*

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## Trinity Church Office During the Covid Closure

**W**ith all the changes and expected changes to come with Trinity Church reopening in certain stages and times, it's good to remind everyone of where we are at today in regard to the church office and staff hours.

Firstly, a reminder that ***the church office is currently still closed.*** The doors are locked, and no drop-by visits to the office are allowed. All of the staff have the option to work from home, and most are doing so consistently. Any messages left on the church phone are checked, but not daily.

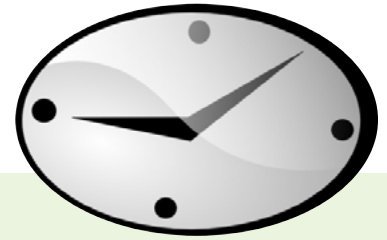
As with any workplace, the struggle to maintain a regular work schedule has been difficult. People who work from home struggle to maintain work schedule boundaries, finding it easy to answer emails and take phone calls late at night or on weekends. Our staff is no different.

I'm asking that you as a church respect that our staff are not available every moment of the day. They have "off-time" just like any other part-time employee. To the right, you will see staff member's times of availability. Please try to only contact them during these times.

For myself, Saturday is my Sabbath. It would be a service to me if you contacted me only for emergencies on Saturday. I'm available the rest of the week, but I do have two small children, so be aware of the potential impact of calling early mornings and evenings.

Thanks for understanding. Our staff is working harder than ever before, trying to navigate the vital work of the church during these unique times.

Thank you,  
Pastor Brent



### STAFF HOURS

**Rebecca Casey**  
**Financial Administrator**  
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8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Patty Mason**  
**Office Administrator**  
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**Rebecca DeBreau**  
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*but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it".* This verse reminds us all that whatever temptation you face, whatever you struggle with or feel overwhelmed with, you are not the first to do so, nor will you be the last. If you are trying to get rid of a nasty habit, take heart that others have been through similar circumstances and succeeded. If you are trying to get into a new routine or ritual, others have been able to do it, and so can you!

Ultimately, we rely on God to face our bad habits, conform our hearts, and become more mature followers of God.

Lent is a season where you can journey with God in a new, exciting way, whether you choose to sacrifice a habit or welcome a new one and reprioritize your routines. Take heart that God is on this journey with you, that the Spirit will guide and comfort you, and that Jesus' sacrifice and his act of mercy will help you get back up when you stumble and fall.

Blessings,  
Pastor Brent

# Our Lifewater Projects are Finished!

In early 2018, our interim pastor, Jim Wilson, led the Wednesday Night Bible study using the book "A Hole in Our Gospel" by Richard Stearns. Richard is the head of World Vision US. This study impacted many of us.

In June 2018, Pastor Jim challenged us to help bring fresh water and the Gospel to a needy village in Africa through an organization called Lifewater. Lifewater is the oldest Christian water development non-profit in North America. It serves vulnerable communities by providing access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene. This group also partners with local churches and ministries to share the Gospel in each village served.

Furthermore, a Trinity Church family committed to matching funds up to \$12,000. If we raised \$12,000, our gift would grow to \$24,000. This

amount would provide fresh water for two villages of up to 250 people each. Also, someone would introduce them to the Gospel of Jesus. It was a perfect opportunity to practice what we had learned in the "A Hole in Our Gospel" study.

By the end of September 2018, Trinity Church raised \$12,300 for this project. On October 14th, during our Sunday service, we presented Tyson Babayco, the Regional Director of Donor Relations - Southwestern USA, with a check for \$24,300.

In January 2019, we found out that we were going to help two villages in Uganda. The process would take two years. Lifewater doesn't just build wells. They work with community leaders to communicate safe hygiene practices. Each community helps construct and take care of the wells.

For more information on the process, check out [www.lifewater.org](http://www.lifewater.org).

Then Covid-19 hit. This pandemic reached across all continents. As a result, Lifewater had to redirect our money to two other projects that had begun, needed more funding, and could finish despite the pandemic. They were the villages of **Hora Huleti** in Ethiopia and **Kisubi** in Uganda. This redirection of funds has a bright side. These villages were able to get fresh water in record time. Both these projects are now complete!

Thank you, Trinity Church, for your love for the world and desire to follow Jesus.

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## The Village of Hora Huleti



Before



After

## The Village of Kisubi



Before



After

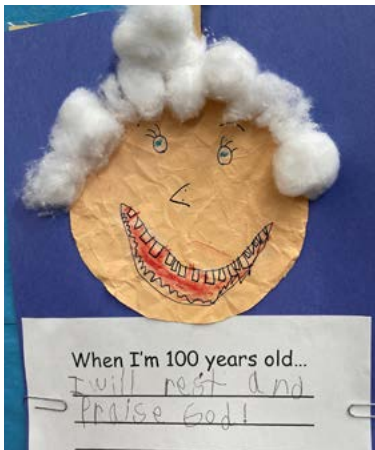


## Fun in February and the Year “Marches” On

It's March and Trinity Christian School (TCS) is still happy and healthy. We are meeting Monday through Friday on our regular schedule. How gracious and kind the Lord has been to keep us safe during such uncertain times. It has been quite amazing to see the students enjoying their in-person education and celebrating with events including the 100th Day of School and Valentine's Day.

### 100th Day of School

TCS celebrated the 100th Day of School on February 17th! Students in Kindergarten and first-grade wore pajamas while second graders brought in posters boasting 100 items



of their choice. Kinders and second-graders made pictures of what they thought they would look like at 100-years-old and described how they would spend their day. This year has flown by. We can't believe 100 days have passed.

Our celebration continued on the 101st day of school. Some special guests appeared! Our second-grade



students showed up as 101-year-olds! They had a grand old time with their wigs and walkers moving around campus. They sure loved honoring our older generation!

### Valentine's Day



TCS celebrated Valentine's Day with a free dress day and many parties. Students decorated shoe boxes and shared Valentine cards and candies with their classmates. Everyone looked “LOVE”ly in their red and pink. Also, the School Board and Parent Teacher Fellowship honored our staff with sweet treats and cards. We are overjoyed to see the love of God shine in the faces of our students and staff.

*“We love because Christ first loved us.” 1 John 4:19*

### Socratic Seminars

Did you know that our Middle School students participate in Socratic Seminars? “What is a Socratic Seminar?” you ask. Well, it is an opportunity for our students to read a text and create dialogue, not debate, to complete open-ended questions about the text. It allows students to understand that their response to the question might not be the “final answer” and use the knowledge they gain from other students to form a more educated and thoughtful answer.



## Pastor Brent Speaks at Chapel



The TCS elementary students had the first all outdoor chapel on the quad! We were privileged to have the Middle School Worship Team lead us in song. Pastor Brent graciously came to speak to the Kindergarten through fifth-grade students about relationship building. The kids were more than excited to get to hear God's word and worship together. I heard Pastor Brent say they could come to say, "Hi" when he is in his office. Get ready, Pastor! I'm sure you will have a lot of visitors headed your way!

## Accreditation

Every six years ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International) and WASC (Western Association of School and Colleges) members come to campus to evaluate the school for accreditation approval. The staff makes preparations for this evaluation for over a year. These preparations include writing a Self Study,

Continuous School Improvement Plan, and Faculty Personal Growth Plan. We scheduled this visit for March 2020, but due to the pandemic, we have moved it to March 2021 and agreed to host an online visit with members of the evaluation team assessing virtually. Prayers are appreciated as we walk through this accreditation process.

## Mr. Taylor



What school has their own professional orator who brings books to life? TCS that's who. Mr. Taylor has graced us with his wild reading styles for many years. This week he is back in action with crazy sound effects and exciting interpretation of elementary text.

## Thank You

Thank you for the ongoing prayers for our school. God is moving in so many ways, and we see abundant life changes, not to mention physical growth. We are blessed with full classes for this coming school year! Open enrollment began in February, and the Lord has been leading such wonderful families our way. We are still giving multiple tours per week. Please continue to pray for the 2021-2022 school year. Our current year has brought some challenges, but we remain faithful to God's leading, and we trust His guidance to see us through to the next. Your support is vital to this ministry. Letting his light shine through your encouraging words and prayer support has been a blessing to each one of us.



**Above: Second-grade created pictures of what they thought they would look like at 100-years-old.**

**Left: The second-grade class dress up as 101-year-olds.**



## Clippers

Ahoy Mates!

The good ship HMS Trinity is coming into port at last. We will dock at our home port on March 20th and muster at 12:45 p.m. We will meet in the quad unless the session permits us to meet in Williams Hall. Bring a sack lunch and bring a little extra to share with visitors who may attend. Our pastor, Brent Barclay, will be our guest speaker. We look forward to his presentation. If you have not paid your dues, please remit a check to "Clippers" and mail it to Sue Walters, 5051 Tierra Baja Way, San Diego, CA 92115 or you can pay at our meeting. The dues are \$15 per person and designate 2021 dues on your check. With the passing of Tex, our purser, we need someone to assume that responsibility. Will someone please step forward and volunteer for that responsibility so that we don't have to resort to that old nautical tradition and Shanghai someone? The position pays the same as what the rest of the officers receive but our treasures are laid up "somewhere beyond the blue." Feel free to bring guests. They will be blessed. Marlin Ens turned 100 on February 25th. Send him a card or a new Corvette or whatever. We rejoice that we can come together again. May our Father richly bless us each and every one.

Yer trusty signalman,  
Jack, the ancient mariner

## Missions Update

**These are excerpts from an email from Chris and Laura Moyer, our missionaries in France.**

*"In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."*

Ever since I heard about the possibility of having multiple sclerosis (MS), I have been anticipating the past week with great trepidation. My brain MRI was scheduled for Tuesday and my neurologist on Thursday, ... upon finishing my MRI, the radiologist called me back to give me the results; I have four lesions on my brain. ... A diagnosis is all but confirmed.

I had hoped to receive different news, but God did give me a glimmer of

sunshine in this all. The neurologist told me that because my symptoms have gone into remission, that I do not have the most dreaded type of MS.

I feel like the picture at the top illustrates what this news feels like to me. The storm is still brewing, but even as the winds of chronic illness are blowing, God has graciously shone his grace upon me and kept me from the worst case scenario.

As of now, my body feels like it did before any of my symptoms appeared. I plan to continue to work hard with my church planting team in France and the World Team Global Mobile Member

## Presbyterian Women

I am glad to say that the winds are changing! It is just possible that we may be able to meet together for a Gathering within the next few months. The PW Board has set a hopeful date for the Fall Festival of November 6th and 7th. It was also discussed that a rummage sale might be possible sometime after the end of school.

So keep saving those Rummage items and creating craft items for the Festival. We are also interested in your ideas for crafts. You can get those to Sue Walters or Ardis Rowland.

In the meantime, keep reaching out to those you have not seen or heard from in a while. Try sending a note or two each week. I know from experience that it will be appreciated.

Ardis Rowland  
Secretary



Care team. I am excited to continue serving the Lord in these roles.

I appreciate your prayers for me as I continue to process this news. I look forward to share with you in the weeks to come how the Lord has already been using our new home as a place of encouragement and ministry."

In His Grace, Chris Moyer

*From an email to Ardis Rowland  
Missions Elder*

**Praise God for his provision:** *Holy One, giver of life, of strength, of perseverance, of comfort and grace, we honor you, even with our giving. Because we trust you for our needs, Lord, we respond with gratitude, with love, with joy, with commitment, to the fulfillment of our promise to you and your church.*

Greetings Trinity Church Family,

**T**hank you for being part of our congregation. God is good all the time. As February ends, all of our financial obligations have been met including our missionary donations.

If you have any questions about receiving tithe envelopes or online giving, please contact me in the finance office at [rebecca@trinitypres.org](mailto:rebecca@trinitypres.org) or 619-465-3011.

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	<b>January Final</b>	<b>February</b> (As of 2/18/2021)	<b>Year to Date 2021</b> (As of 2/18/2021)
<b>BUDGETED INCOME</b>	\$30,493.39	\$30,493.47	\$60,986.86
<b>ACTUAL INCOME</b>	\$ 24,033.85	\$ 30,017.50	\$ 54,051.35
<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>- \$ 6,459.54</b>	<b>- \$ 475.97</b>	<b>- \$ 6,935.51</b>
<b>CURRENT EXPENSE</b>	\$ 27,981.38	\$ 24,215.77	\$ 52,197.15
<b>INCOME - EXPENSE</b>	<b>- \$ 3,947.53</b>	<b>\$ 5,801.73</b>	<b>\$ 1,854.20</b>

*Thank You!* Cherie Klaiber wants to thank the anonymous donor that dropped off groceries for her. The food was put to good use and shared with her neighbors. She wants to make it clear - Westmont takes care of all meals, so while she appreciated the gift, regular food donations are not necessary.

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## WE'RE TOGETHER OUTDOORS ON SUNDAYS!

- **Wear a mask!**
- **Bring your own chair and hymnal.**
- **We will take your temperature.**
- **You will need to social distance.**
- **We will be in the quad so bring a hat or umbrella (sun protection).**
- **We will continue to be on Zoom for those who are uncomfortable coming in person.**



**Good Friday Service** 5:00 p.m.  
*At the rocks • Bring your own chair*  
*Zoom will be available*

**Easter Sunrise Service** 6:15 a.m.  
*At the rocks • Bring your own chair*  
*NO Breakfast served • No Zoom available*

**Regular Easter Service** 9:30 a.m.  
*Zoom will be available*

**Labyrinth:** Look out for more information on our almost annual Easter Labyrinth!

**Please Note: Spring Forward Sunday • 2:00 a.m. March 14**

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