



January 2023

Words from Our Pastor | Moving from One Year to the Next



Rev. Brent Barclay | Pastor

Greetings Everyone!

"Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised."
In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.

Job 1:21-22

and see loss, challenges, failures, and disappointments. We see things that did not go our way, unfortunate circumstances, and personal failure.

Maybe your year was so good you do not want it to end! We look at all the ways we saw God bless us and give us good fortune. We had successes, memorable events, lasting achievements, and unexpected blessings.

Or maybe you look at this past year as a mixture of blessings and misfortunes.

When I look back at 2022, I always will remember it for two events: the birth of my third daughter, Hannah, and my father's passing. Does one override the other, making this a "good" year or a "bad" year? Do I even need to label this past year one way or the other?

When we read the opening passages of Job's story, we find it

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Moving from one year to the next is always an opportunity to reflect on the time in which we live. We look back at the past year while planning and expecting what the upcoming year will hold.

There are years you definitely want to close the door on it and look, with hope and expectation, to the next. You look back



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filled with devastation and tragedy. Job literally loses everything and everyone. Few people in life have experienced the pain Job did. It would be easy for anyone to allow Job to let off some steam, declare everything a loss, and lament in his challenging year.

Yet Job declares something with deep wisdom by saying that the Lord has given and taken away. Job, in the immediate aftermath of such tragedy, realizes life is full of times of God's blessings and times where God removes things we love. He refuses to declare God is evil in his hard season.

It is easy for us to give thanks to God when we have a good year or a pleasant season in life. When things are

bad, tragic, or full of failure, are we quick to blame God, curse God, or run from God? Job found it in his heart to worship God and praise his name.

As we move from one year to the next, can we look back at the good and the bad, and give thanks to God for the blessings, the things we learned through endurance, and praise God that God has carried us through the past year?

No matter how you view 2022, may you find 2023 to be a year where God will carry you, bless you, and be present in your life, just like last year!

Blessings,

Pastor Brent Barclay

The Holidays at Trinity Church



The Trinity Church Bell Choir performed December 11th in the church service and for the TOSSD event on Saturday, December 10th.



Christmas Eve service,



Hannah Yvonne Barclay was baptized by her father on New Years Day.



Youth Group | A Fun-Filled October!

Hello Trinity Family!

Our youth group had meaningful Bible studies about Christmas and fun activities. In the past three weeks we had a movie with popcorn, secret santa gift exchange, and trivia games. We have grown to about 10 solid students each meeting. As we look to the new year we are discussing a retreat and fun trips. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Did You Notice?

We have some new signage! This setup will allow us to advertise our worship times, and we can create banners to let the community know about special

events such as Easter, the Rummage Sale, and the Fall Festival.



Trinity Christian School | A Lot Going On!



Wow, there has been a lot going on here at Trinity Christian School!

Presbyterian Women's Association

We started the month of December

with a performance for the Presbyterian Women's

Association. All the classes, led by Mrs. Erica Calvert, sang one song from their Christmas program. Ending the production, the kindergarten through eighth grades joined together to sing "Silent Night." It was a beautiful morning of worship through song.

Trinity Christian School Goes to the Ballet

This December, the kindergarten and first-grade classes got the opportunity to visit the ballet to see the Nutcracker. Liberty Laughlin, a first-grader, was our star performer. The students were so excited to see her on stage. It was a wonderful experience for our students, one they will not forget.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Preschool

The preschool students were as cute as ever in their Christmas dresses and suits. The students performed "Jesus, Light of the World."

Kindergarten-Second Grade

December 13th, kindergarten through second grade performed "Miracle on Kenwood Dr." In this play, the



Third - Fifth grade Christmas get-ups before their program



The Middle School Christmas Performance

students portrayed a big city parade and sang songs of the season. Alvin and the Chipmunks, stars, shepherds, candy canes, and Christmas trees made an appearance. There was even a video with the kids reading the story about the candy cane. We had a fun night with lots of cute props and costumes.

Third-Fifth Grade

The third through fifth graders performed “Building Christmas.” The characters acted out scenes with legos explaining the symbolic importance of items such as the star, the Christmas tree, and even snow. They all looked amazing in their Lego bow ties and headbands. The students sang beautifully and with lots of expressions. They were a blessing to all who attended.

Middle School

The middle school students worked very hard on their program, “Christmas Road-Trip.” It was about a family traveling to see their grandfather. As they listen to the radio, they replay the story of Jesus and the “road trip” to Bethlehem. Songs such as “I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas” and “Last Christmas” were great comic relief. The focus was all on Jesus as the students sang “O Come All Ye Faithful” and “Emmanuel.” They created a wonderful reminder of Jesus’ love and sacrifice!

Preschool Goes Caroling

Our preschool students were on the move, caroling to all the classes. They sang three songs ending with “We Wish You a Merry Christmas.” Each class received homemade cookies as well. What a beautiful tradition.

Middle School Serves Others

Mrs. Carlyon headed up the middle school students to spread Christmas cheer by giving gift baskets. These baskets had lots of goodies, including socks and blankets. They also decorated and delivered Christmas trees. It was a sweet time of giving.

Christmas Storyteller Tradition

For 25 years, Trinity Christian School (TCS) traditionally brings in Ms. Joyce Tepfer to share a story for Christmas. She writes her tales based on childhood memories. Ms. Tepfer has always been such a blessing to our TCS family.

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Preschool Christmas Program

Clippers



The good clipper ship HMS Trinity will dock at Williams Hall on Saturday, January 21st at 1245 hours for some good chow and fellowship. (I was gonna say scuttlebutt, but it mighta confused some o' you land lubbers) We will enjoy a documentary by Mission Aviation Fellowship.

I have seen it, and it is very good. Y'all

come and bring some friends. You'll learn something and leave knowin' more 'n ya'll did before ya'll came.

Our December meeting was an hour earlier, followed by an organ concert and a silent movie. We hope you get a liberty pass to disembark and enjoy our time together.

Yer trusty signalman,
Jack, the ancient mariner

Presbyterian Women

The first Board meeting of the new year is Tuesday, January 3rd, at 9:30 a.m. in Ward Center. We will be working on plans for the rest of the year. We are always looking for interesting programs. If you hear of something interesting or have something you might like to learn more about, please call Muriel Johnson, our program chair, at 619-772-7653.

At the monthly Gathering, we will continue our video Bible studies. We will see the first half of "Jonah." These are wonderful, professionally-made dramatic musical productions. We will also

have a program (to be announced), and close with a delicious lunch.

Here is a list of the winners of the quilts at the Craft Festival in November. Jimmie Drummond won the bee quilt, Greg Schwartz the baseball quilt, Nancy Gordon the hummingbird quilt, and Elsie Luranc won the greens and browns quilt. Congratulations to all the winners. Next year's quilts are already in the planning stages.

Ardis Rowland
Secretary



Financial Update | How Are We Doing?

“But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” Corinthians 15:57

Dear Trinity Church Family,

As we leave 2022 in the rear-view mirror and head into 2023, we thank God for the gift of being together as a church family. We also thank God for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and the victory his birth brings to us.

We recognize and celebrate your faithfulness in giving to the Lord through Trinity Church. At the end of the year, we met all our expenses and paid our missionaries. We always seek to be vigilant and honor God with the gifts given in His name. He remains faithful to Trinity

Church through your gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure.

Trinity Church is a congregation that believes God provides. In faith, we make our plans, then we look ahead, trusting God will supply from His glorious riches all our needs for 2023.

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	November 2022 Final	December 2022 (As of 12/21/2022)	Year-to-Date (As of 12/21/2022 Final)
BUDGETED INCOME	\$ 33,067.05	\$ 33,289.41	\$ 430,716.36
ACTUAL INCOME	\$ 16,744.95	\$ 43,914.13	\$ 394,302.18
DIFFERENCE	– \$ 16,322.10	\$ 10,624.72	– \$ 36,414.18
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$ 54,946.07	\$ 20,257.72	\$ 469,054.57
INCOME – EXPENSE	– \$ 38,201.12	\$ 23,656.41	– \$ 74,752.39

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Wednesday Night Bible Study Returns in January



Join us starting January 11th for Bible Study! We will start at 5:30 p.m. in Williams Hall with a potluck, followed by worship and a lesson/discussion. We will end by 7:00 p.m. Any questions? Ask Pastor Brent.

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