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## Words from Our Pastor | Changes in the Fall



Rev. Brent Barclay | Pastor

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### Hello Everyone!

For a long time, part of Trinity Church's DNA was to offer multiple gatherings on Sunday mornings. We had a traditional and a contemporary service. Both were beautiful gatherings enjoyed by many members and visitors of Trinity Church for years. For many reasons, those two services became one service. And then, pastoral transitions and COVID happened, solidifying that into our new normality.

Since I arrived at Trinity Church as the pastor, I have asked God, "Do you desire for Trinity Church to return to the days of two services: one contemporary and one traditional?" And for the longest time, God has responded, "No."

In my heart, I knew God was right. We offer a blended worship service with gifted musicians, choirs, and singers,

and I sure try to preach as best I can every Sunday. To make services about a particular worship style is not what God desires for Trinity Church.

So God began reframing the conversation. What if we started with two questions? What is the need in the community, and what is the unique gifting Trinity Church has to meet those needs?

Trinity Church's DNA is truly rooted in our school. What a blessing that God

brings families to our campus each week during the school year to receive an excellent education, biblical teaching, and service opportunities.

I began to think about family lifestyles today and looked at my family dynamics.

A few things struck me as I journeyed with God in this thinking. First, families spend little time together throughout



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the week. Families are apart from morning until night, seeing each other for maybe a busy hour or two before bed. Sadly, the way churches construct Sunday mornings, the church is another place where families are separate, with adults in sanctuaries and children and youth in Sunday school and youth rooms.

This reality leads to the second thought. Because of this, families are not equipped, nor have the experience, to wrestle with faith together as a family. Families do not know how to, or feel comfortable, praying together. Families do not have the tools to figure out how to wrestle with life with Bibles in their hands. They lack the experience to teach the stories and lessons of the Bible in their homes.

God spoke very clearly. Families and households in our community need to have a place where they can practice growing in faith and wrestling with issues together as a family. I firmly believe that Trinity Church has the gifting, experience, and resources to meet that need.

So this fall, we are starting a new service that is completely “out of the box.” We are going to call it “The Living Room Service.” It is a gathering around tables, not in rows of chairs - a service with worship, but the style is not what defines it. Instead of a sermon, there are prompts and discussions around those tables, where kids can be kids and engage throughout. I am unaware of any other church in our area doing church like this.

If this sounds exciting to you, get excited! If this does not sound like it is for you, pray that it brings those who will find their needs met through it. I see this service as a compliment to our Main Service, not a competitor. But together, as a faith family, let’s take a journey in faith and trust that God has something extraordinary in store for our church this season.

Blessings,

Pastor Brent Barclay

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## Children's Ministry | Learning about God's Love for Us

**T**his month in Trinity Kids Ministry, we talked about God the Father and how God shows his love to us in different ways. We taught the importance of prayer and how it is our opportunity to speak with God. We read the Bible story about how Jesus is our Shepherd, and he will never leave us or abandon us, no matter what. We also celebrated Father's Day and made a sweet end to our month by talking about the goodness of

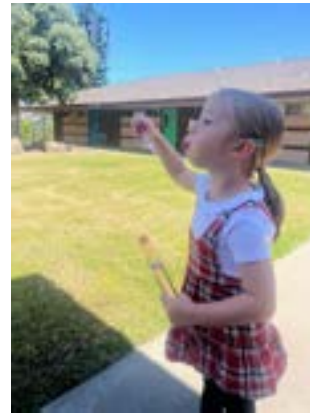
God through the story of Abraham while enjoying popsicles and sunshine! We love these blessings of warm summer days where we enjoy fellowshiping and playing outdoors!

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## Youth Group | The School Year is Over, Summer Begins

**T**he Trinity Church Youth Group finished off the school year strong. We played many fun games and sent off our eighth graders well.

As we enter summer, we are excited to partner with the Children's Ministry in doing the Vacation Bible School in July. We continue to study books of the Bible as we just finished Romans. We are now starting James. Please continue to pray for our ministry.

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*Happy Fourth  
of July!*

# Trinity Christian School | End of School Activities

## Foam Party/ Color War/ Bubble Party

In a jubilant celebration of their participation in Serve-a-Thon, we treated top earners to a lively Foam Party. At the same time, the highest-earning classes enjoyed a vibrant Color War or a bubbly Bubble Party. The children reveled in the festivities, laughing and playing as they became covered head to toe in foam bubbles and colorful powder, creating unforgettable memories of community and fun.

## Patriotic Chapel

The Trinity Christian School (TCS) Patriotic Chapel is a spectacular event that allows our students to honor the men and women who served and are serving our country. The ceremony features heartfelt renditions of patriotic songs and hymns sung with deep respect for those who have sacrificed their

lives for our freedom. It is a moving tribute that fosters a sense of gratitude and patriotism within our school community. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who attended and served.

## Talent Show

Our Talent Show is an eagerly anticipated event that never fails to deliver an unforgettable experience for everyone involved. Our 2024 showcase allowed students and staff to present their most extraordinary talents to the entire school, featuring an impressive mix of pre-recorded videos and live performances. The recorded presentations displayed diverse skills, including artwork, kayaking, and impressive hockey techniques. Meanwhile, the live acts captivated the audience with soulful singing, energetic dancing, and masterful piano



Foam Party/ Color War/ Bubble Party

Patriotic Chapel



performances. The event was a resounding success, filled with laughter, amazement, and a strong sense of community, leaving everyone anticipating our upcoming show in 2025.

### Blessing Dinner

As eighth graders approach graduation, we believe it is particularly vital to pour into their hearts and lives, which is why TCS honors students and their families with the annual “Blessing Dinner.” This cherished event features a lovely catered meal, during which teachers read personalized blessings over each student. Following this, students and their parents share a private moment to exchange heartfelt letters written to one another. The evening is filled with laughter and tears, making it a special night that propels our eighth graders forward into high school with love and encouragement.

### Graduation

TCS graduation was a bittersweet day for students and teachers, marked by excitement and nostalgia.

It was an honor to have spent so much time with these extraordinary young men and women. Though we were excited to see them embark on their high school journeys, heartfelt tears and cherished memories filled the day. As the students transition into this new chapter of their lives, we pray that they keep the joy of the Lord in their hearts and continue to be ambassadors for Christ, carrying the values and lessons learned at TCS into the wider world.

### Ice Cream Truck at TCS

On the final Monday of the school year, students enjoyed a delightful surprise when a parent arranged for an ice cream truck to visit the campus. The excitement was palpable as children eagerly lined up to choose their treats, with options ranging from rich chocolate and creamy vanilla ice cream to refreshing snow cones. The unexpected treat brought smiles to everyone, creating a joyful and memorable conclusion to the school year.

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Blessing Dinner



The Ice Cream Truck



Below: The third- and fourth-grade chapel



## Clippers



Clippers wishes to heartily thank all Trinity Church members who participated in the rummage sale, either by your tireless work during and after the event or by your purchases. Both contributed to a highly successful event, which

has netted \$4000+ thus far. All proceeds go to missions.

Disabled American Veterans picked up the unsold items, so your donations will continue to bless the lives of many additional people. Clippers will not meet during July and August. A board meeting will be held the first Tuesday after Labor Day, September 3rd. Board members, please mark your calendars!

We encourage you to participate in a summer event on July 10th to see Fellowship of Christian Athletes members in their last hour of practice in their respective sports. This practice viewing is optional and occurs at 3:00 p.m. with a free dinner following at 5:00 p.m. and an evening worship service at 6:30 p.m. Come and see the FCA athletes do what they do best!

Practices are held at either Point Loma Nazarene University (PLNU) or San Diego State University (select only one to attend), with dinner at PLNU Cunningham Hall and worship service also at PLNU. We highly recommend carpooling to facilitate parking. Hope to see you there!

Yer trusty first mate,  
Melanie Plett

## Missions | A Change in Our Missionaries

**W**ith the retirement of Steve and Debbie Robinson from Mission Aviation Fellowship, Trinity Church's Session wanted to find someone to take their place to receive mission funds. Recently, Session voted and approved the addition of the Klingforth family to our mission giving. Their support from Trinity Church begins immediately.

Affiliated with Navigators, Travis and Lydia Klingforth are not strangers to Trinity Church. Clippers and, in the past, Presbyterian Women supported this couple and their two sons, Meshach and Silas. They often shared about their work with Trinity Church.

They served in Kenya for many years and have since returned to San Diego. Their focus has been

on a public high school ministry and birth classes for Afghan refugees in East County.



# Financial Update | How Are We Doing?

*Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep His promise. Hebrews 10:23 (NLT)*

## Hello Trinity Church Family

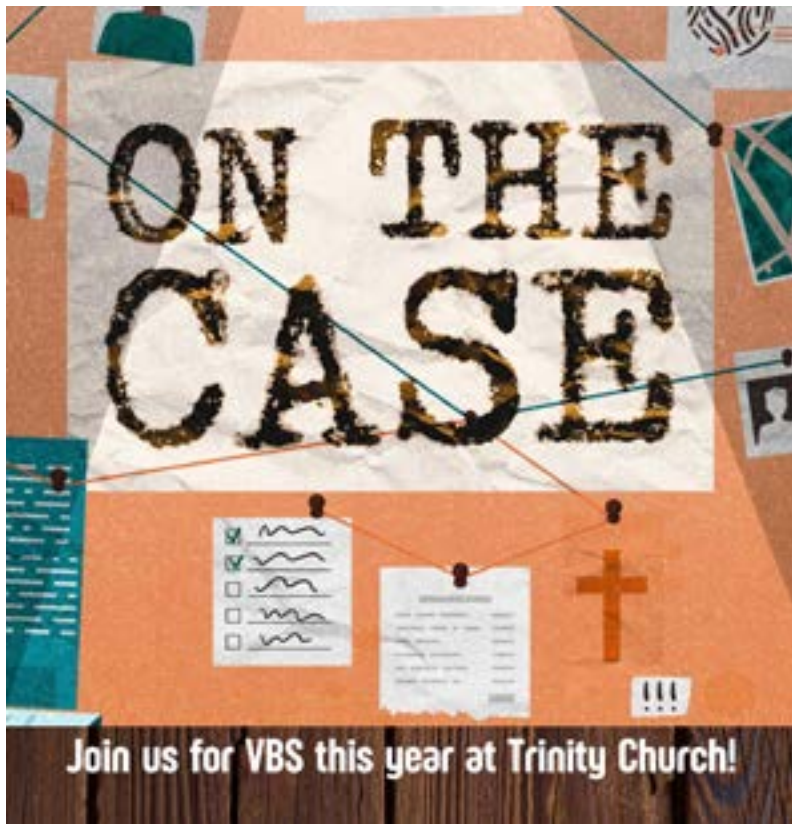
**S**ummer is officially here, and half the year is behind us! The Lord is watering the seeds we plant and providing for our needs. Thank you for your faithful tithing. We are grateful we have been able to cover all of our financial obligations to date. Please keep in mind the ministry and missions of Trinity Church rely on your support even over the summer months when you may be traveling.

I will send out the second quarterly statements soon. Please review your statement. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. Enjoy a wonderful summer.

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	May 2024 Final	= Actual + Reserve	June 2024 (as of 6/16/2024)
<b>PROJECTED &amp; PLEDGED INCOME</b>	\$ 38,303.62		\$ 38,303.62
<b>ACTUAL INCOME RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$ 31,073.27</b>		<b>\$ 18,075.08</b>
<b>PROJECTED MINUS ACTUAL INCOME = RCVD DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>- \$ 7,230.35</b>		<b>- \$ 20,228.54</b>
<b>CURRENT EXPENSE ACTUAL</b>	\$ 53,744.95		\$ 17,625.45
<b>ADD RESERVES FROM DEDICATED</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 31,073.27</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ACTUAL INCOME - ACTUAL EXPENSE:</b>	<b>- \$ 22,671.68</b>		\$ 449.63

	Year to Date (as of 6/16/2024)	= Actual + Reserve
<b>PROJECTED &amp; PLEDGED INCOME</b>	\$ 229,821.56	
<b>ACTUAL INCOME RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$ 152,599.29</b>	
<b>PROJECTED MINUS ACTUAL INCOME = RCVD DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>- \$ 77,222.27</b>	
<b>CURRENT EXPENSE ACTUAL</b>	\$ 236,220.02	
<b>ADD RESERVES FROM DEDICATED</b>	<b>\$ 70,975.00</b>	<b>\$ 223,574.29</b>
<b>TOTAL ACTUAL INCOME - ACTUAL EXPENSE:</b>	<b>- \$ 12,645.73</b>	



## Vacation Bible School is Back!

**T**rinity Church is proud to bring Vacation Bible School for this summer!

**July 29th - August 1st**  
**August 2nd is Family Day**  
**9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**\$10 for the week**

If interested, please email  
[childrensministry@trinitypres.org](mailto:childrensministry@trinitypres.org)

WE are also looking for folks to help offset the cost of this wonderful program with monetary donations. If you wish to help fund Vacation Bible School this year, please contact the church office.

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