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May 27, 2018

Words from Our Pastor

Jim Collins is a well-known business guru and widely-read author. In his book entitled *Good to Great*, Collins helps organizations to excel in part by identifying what he calls their BHAG (pronounced bee-hag) that stands for a Big Hairy Audacious Goal. A BHAG is a "strategic business statement similar to a vision statement which is created to focus an organization on a single medium-long term organization-wide goal which is audacious, likely to be externally questionable, but not internally regarded as impossible."



Jim Wilson
Interim Pastor

Trinity – like all churches - is called by God to pursue a BHAG. It is to join in the activity of the Kingdom of God by conveying the message of Jesus, by demonstrating the love of Jesus, and by loving our neighbors as we love ourselves.

But we need to translate this call into what Collins refers to as "a single medium-long term organization-wide goal." I recall being invited to attend a local Rotary Club meeting at which a Rotarian gave what I would call "an altar call." After describing the benefits of joining the Rotary Club and after laying out their BHAG of eradicating polio from Africa, he asked for a response – "join us in this endeavor." I have to admit I was compelled by the audacious goal. I wanted to be part of something that was changing the world.

What do you think would be a good BHAG for Trinity?

One possibility is in the developmental stage. Our Director of Missions, Rebecca DeBreau, is working on a short-term mission opportunity for the fall. However, this mission trip is not to some far off destination but to our own backyard. The opportunity is for us to partner with churches and other organizations working in El Cajon to welcome, befriend, and assist refugees – mostly Syrian at this time – who are coming into our area. This "mission trip to El Cajon" will involve us in a number of activities designed to equip us to relate crossculturally, to discover the challenges that refugees face, to be involved in helping in the settlement process, and to demonstrate the love of Jesus to people in a very traumatic process. More information is forthcoming.

Can you imagine the impact we could have as we embody Jesus to people this way? Perhaps this is the beginning of a BHAG for Trinity – the goal of helping Syrian (and other) refugees to settle into their new lives and introducing them to the love of Jesus Christ. It's audacious. It's questionable. But, it's not impossible.

Please join me in praying for this venturesome undertaking. Also, please continue to pray for our Pastor Nominating Committee and for God to identify the right person for the future of Trinity.

I am grateful that we are on this great adventure of faith together.
Pastor Jim

2018 Women's Retreat in Pine Valley

From Friday evening, April 27th, to Sunday morning, April 29, more than 35 Trinity Church women (and a few delightful women from other churches) gathered at the Pine Valley Christian Conference Center for a time of refreshment, encouragement, and fellowship.

Our speaker was Karen Boden. She studies creativity and innovation in individuals and organizations. Karen believes God is creative, we are all

made in the image of God, so we, too, are creative like our Father. This does not mean we all have to do crafts and are painters. It means that creativity is a part of ALL we do. Her biblical example was Queen Esther who saved the Jews from destruction.

She urged us to have a growth mindset, that even failures can be turned into successes. Her words were encouraging, challenging, and thoughtful.

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News from Mary Hopkins Serving in Mexico

Mary Hopkins is a missionary with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Trinity Church supports her on a monthly basis. She had contracted an infection just before her three-week class was to start.

Thank you for your prayers throughout the Intermediate Writers' Workshop. By God's grace, we made it through and finished in pretty good shape. The students were pleased with their booklets and put on a lovely closing program for our dozen guests about all they had learned.

I cannot thank God enough for keeping me able to teach all the classes that were my responsibility. It was hardly less than a miracle. Another HUGE blessing was that none of the students or staff became sick, which was one of my chief concerns. After the workshop, I sought out an ear, nose and throat doctor in Oaxaca City,

who immediately sent me for a CAT scan and found a pretty complete sinusitis. Now I am on more antibiotics for that condition, but I feel quite encouraged that this time we will finally clear it all up.

One of the classes we teach in the Intermediate Writers' Workshop is called "Comprehension." In this class, we analyze texts in Spanish for the main idea, supporting ideas, the method the author uses to convey his information or make his point, etc. On the last day of the Comprehension class, we studied the John 1:1-13. There was instant resistance to looking at a text from the Bible. I was surprised at the intensity of the resistance. Most of the students eventually got into the passage as an academic exercise of following and understanding the author's reasoning, but one student, Elijah, would not contribute to the discussion or take

The booklets created by the students of the Intermediate Writer's Workshop.



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Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School is back on the horizon so please save the date! We will be using "Hero Central: Discovering Your Strength in God" for a week-long VBS running July 23rd-27th.

I am looking for volunteers who would like to help with advertising, decorations, crafts, Bible study, mission projects, singing, games, and food. Please let me know if you are willing to help bring the message of

Jesus Christ to the children of East County. Don't worry if you cannot commit to the whole week, even a few hours of volunteer time will help!

Sunday school is also seeking volunteers who are interested in helping teach Sunday school during the summer months. Some of our regular Sunday school staff deserve a much-needed break from teaching and so we would greatly appreciate some help. If you would like to

volunteer, we need teachers, helpers, and nursery workers to help make our program run smoothly. Even if you are only available one or two Sundays this summer, we could use your help!

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Youth Group

The Trinity Talent Show is May 6th @ 4:00 p.m.!

The month of April was another good month for the youth group. We have had a few new youth join us on our Wednesday evenings. We played some new games like Pirates of the Caribbean and Race to Chocolate. We also had

our auditions for the Trinity Church Talents show that brought us some very talented acts! We don't want to spoil the show, so we hope you will come out and support us at the show on May 6th at 4:00 p.m.!

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Busy Days at Trinity Christian School

The month of April has brought several new families to tour the school for next year's enrollment. We ask that you would join us in praying for full classrooms as we seek to serve Jesus here on Trinity Hill in 2018-2019. We would like to extend a thank you to those of you who so warmly welcomed the new Trinity Christian School (TCS) family who visited church on April 15th.

San Diego County Fair Visits

The kindergarten through fourth grade students enjoyed a visit from the San Diego County Fair with three animal visitors and an educational presentation. The grass area by the big cross served as a wonderful arena for the event.

Terra Nova Testing

Our annual standardized testing (Terra-Nova) was held the week of April 16th. This type of testing allows us to track our student's academic progress and also compare our TCS students with other students across

the nation. Using standardized testing information along with other equally important measures helps teachers and parents see each child's strengths and areas for growth. In addition using these test results to improve instruction is part of our accreditation accountability with Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

TCS Speech Meet and Fourth/Fifth Grade Trip to Sacramento

Our annual ACSI Speech Meet was held on Friday the 27th. The fourth and fifth grade students left for their Sacramento trip on April 30th and will return on May 2nd.

Tuesday, May 8th, at 11:00 a.m., TCS speech meet winners will present their speeches to our Presbyterian Women's Association at their monthly meeting. Please join us for this event. If you would like to stay for lunch, please notify the church office. All are welcome!

Regional Science Fair

The annual ACSI Science Fair will be held at Azusa Pacific University on Thursday, May 10th. Winners from our TCS Science Fair will travel north for this event which has always proven to be a positive experience. A special thanks to the following church members who were among the judges for the TCS Science Fair: Bill Sevier, Jon Hughes, Jim Baker, Dave Van Dyne, Linda Hensley, Sue Walters, Greg Schwartz and Sharlene Park.

Open House

TCS will host its annual Open House on Tuesday, May 15th at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to stop by and look around the classrooms and facility including the turf playground and new playground equipment as well as the library and technology lab. Come on over and take a peek at your school and see a glimpse of the wonderful learning that takes place each day!

Sharon Axe
Principal

Jimmie
Drummond
Principal



Kindergarten through fourth grade students hear from the San Diego County Fair representative.



I Would Have Laughed Out Loud (LOL)

God works in mysterious ways. Many of us know this personally. I see it all the time as I work in the church office. If you had told me four years ago that I would be on staff at Trinity Church, I would have laughed out loud (LOL).

The most incredible aspect of my life right now is the convergence of the Trinity Church Bible studies in which I am involved.

Firstly, I am one of three facilitators of the Monday Bible study (Mornings: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Evenings: 6:30-8:30 p.m.) We are using Philip Yancey's book, "The Jesus I Never Knew." Our conversations in this class have been wonderfully expressive and lively. Yancey has challenged our understanding and view of Jesus in many ways that are truly memorable. Many of the participants in the class have been Christians most of their lives. It is interesting to see how our

preconceived notions of Jesus have colored our thinking. Yancey has certainly challenged those notions.

Secondly, I am involved with the Wednesday night Bible study which is going through "The Hole in Our Gospel," by Richard Stearns. I led my first Bible study at Trinity Church using this book.

This study, too, has brought to the forefront issues deeply held that may need to be rethought and revised based on the Gospel Jesus taught and how he lived.

These two studies have merged in such a way in my life that I am overwhelmed by our Jesus, who He was, what He did, and what He calls us to do. If I ever think I have reached the pinnacle of my life as a Christian, God is faithful to show me how much more there is to know about Him, His love for the world, and His desire

that I serve this world in ways I do not find easy to do. I am in such a place now. God does not want me to ever become complacent.

As a Christian, I always want to be eagerly ready for God. God is ALWAYS calling me deeper - deeper in my love for Him, deeper in my service to Him, and deeper in my obedience to Him. I can never rest on my laurels.

This does not mean I work to go deeper, but remain open to God's calling - realizing, as Richard Stearns writes, "God does not call the equipped, He equips the called."

Rebecca DeBreau

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part in the exercise at all. This has been weighing on my mind and I am concerned for him. He is like Saul when he was confronted by the Lord Jesus on the road to Damascus.

I sometimes think that the more resistance a person has to the Gospel, the more God can work in them. If God brings him to mind, please pray for Elijah. He badly needs a Savior. And when he comes to know the Lord, he will be a powerful witness for the

Gospel. I also pray that the other students, none of whom are Believers, will have less resistance to the idea of looking at what the Bible is saying, having analyzed one short text from John. And I pray that those words we looked at for about 45 minutes will stick in their minds and work in their hearts, perhaps even unconsciously, and eventually bear fruit.

Thanks for your support and prayers.

Exotic Plant Society

**We will meet Tuesday,
May 22th at 7:00 p.m. in
Williams Hall.**

All visitors are welcome.

Come discuss how to grow any kind of plant successfully. We also have a plant exchange. Please call Jackie Van Dyne or Julanna Loveberg for more information.

CLIPPERS

Saturday • May 19th

Our speaker is
Amanda Matti,
author of
“A Foreign Affair”

“A Foreign Affair” is a sweeping Iraq War memoir chronicling the forbidden romance between a female U.S. military service member and her Iraqi translator.

We meet at 12:45 p.m. for a fantastic 1:00 p.m. potluck dinner. GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

Please contact Pat Palmore at 619-444-6736 or Lois Moravec at 619-741-2005 for more information.

You're Invited

Cheryl Lilhanand,
daughter of
Sam Smith,
would like to invite
those of you who
knew her father to his
memorial service on
Sunday, May 20th,
at 11:30 a.m. in the
Sanctuary.

If you have any
questions, please
contact Yasmin in the
church office.

Presbyterian Women

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

- May 1 |** 9:30 a.m. - Board Meeting • Ward Center
- May 8 |** **The Gathering • Williams Hall**
9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Barbara Wells
10:30 a.m. Business Meeting
11:00 a.m. **TCS Speech Meet Winners**
12:00 p.m. Luncheon by Circle Two
Please bring a package of baby diapers to donate to Military Outreach Ministry - any size
- May 15 |** 9:30 a.m. Crafts • Ward Center
6:30 p.m. Circle 3 • Debbie Torres' home
- May 22 |** 9:30 a.m. Circle 1 and 2 • Ward Center
- May 26 |** Sewing/Quilting

2018 Women's Retreat in Pine Valley

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A wonderful team led the women in times of beautiful worship.

On Saturday afternoon, the women had time to go to Julian, do a number of craft projects (what is a women's retreat without a craft project), take a nap, hike up to the cross, or sit in the sun. The weather was beautiful.

The women had times of great fellowship, new friendships were made, and old ones renewed.



The worship team (from left to right) – Pat Palmore, Linda Hensley, Heather Riggs, Theresa Schwartz, and Debbie Torres.



Our fearless speaker - Karen Boden



Hanging out (from left to right) – Nancy Casteel, Ardis Rowland, Claudia Kelly, and Chris Harris-Francisco

Happy May, Trinity Family!

I hope you have had a chance to review your First Quarter Giving Statements. They were mailed the first week in April. If you did not receive your statement, or have questions, please contact me in the church office. As you can see below, our giving in March and April has been below our projected income for

this time of year, but God’s grace is sufficient to meet all of our financial commitments. Thank you for keeping current with your giving, and for being faithful partners for God’s church here at Trinity. We will continue to keep a watchful eye on our finances, and seek God’s wisdom for our spending.

Rebecca Casey
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	March 2018 Final	April 2018 (As of 4/23/18)	Year to Date 2018
BUDGETED INCOME	\$35,291.51	\$35,291.51	\$139,166.04
ACTUAL INCOME	\$27,562.30	\$25,134.69	\$128,296.29
DIFFERENCE	-\$7,729.21	- \$10,156.82	-\$ 10,869.75
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$29,656.36	\$11,228.27	\$114,272.53
INCOME – EXPENSE	-\$2,405.76	\$13,906.42	13,568.76

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Sunday, May 6, 2018 | 4:00 p.m. | Williams Hall

Come and enjoy a variety of wonderful talent from our own congregation and Trinity Christian School! Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to this fabulous event.

There will be a delicious dinner along with the great show. Dinner will be by donation only. All proceeds will benefit the Trinity Church Youth Group.

For more information, contact the church office!

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