



Words from Our Pastor | Sight for the Blind



Rev. Brent Barclay | Pastor

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Hello Everyone!

Jesus stopped and called them. "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. "Lord," they answered, "we want our sight." Matthew 20:32-33

Death and loss are challenging. This past month has been one of the most difficult seasons in my life with my father's passing. He brought such joy to everyone he met. He truly radiated Christ to all he met. When someone like that passes, you think, reflect on, and discover all that person has done in their life.

It has been a blessing to hear from many people from all different contexts and eras of my life and hear them share about how my dad was a blessing to them. His service to God impacted many people, especially me, as he sought to share the Gospel with others.

And as I learned recently, my dad is still doing it, even though he passed. As many of you know, he suffered much from his cancer battle. It caused a lot of damage to his body, especially his organs. When he passed, the nurse asked if he was an organ donor. We all laughed a little about

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Steve Barclay (at left) with his son, Pastor Brent Barclay (at right)

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it. He was an organ donor, but we all thought the damage to his body was so great no one would find any use for his organs!

My sister, however, commented on some recent trivia she discovered: eyes are the most common organ donated by those who have passed. Sure enough! The next day, the hospital called my mom and asked if they could use my dad's eyes. They said his eyes could help restore the sight of four people! I have no idea how that works, but I will take it.

Now, this is how the Lord is so amazing. The day after my dad died, I attended my old church (where we eventually held his memorial) to tell everyone the news and be with them. The sermon preached that day was on this passage out of Matthew, where Jesus restored the sight of two

blind men! That same morning at their church, my in-laws heard the same message from the Gospel of Luke! Here we are in my mother's living room later that afternoon, finding out two of us in different churches heard God's word about Jesus restoring sight and finding out that dad will help restore the vision of up to four people!

When we say God uses us, it is astonishing how that can happen when we trust God. In the end, we serve to allow people blinded to the Gospel to see Jesus with eyes fully opened. How can you help those blind to the Gospel receive the glorious vision of the risen Lord?

Blessings,

Pastor Brent Barclay

Worship | Thank You for Your Help!



Many thanks to the helping hands on November 20th. The sanctuary looks beautiful as it is decked out for Christmas celebrations in honor of our Lord's birth. Blessings to all of you! Thank you for your artistic touches and endurance. A special thanks to our Deacons for the fine lunch you brought us. It was a joyful day!

Carolynn Baker and Gary Redmond, Worship Elders



Building & Grounds | The Sanctuary Gets Some Updates



From Monday, November 14th, until Friday, November 18th, we brought in a lift to take care of issues with the sanctuary. First we installed new speakers for the congregation and monitor speakers for the choir. The monitor speakers allow our choir members to hear someone at the pulpit. The installation is not complete, but we plan to finish by the end of the year.

Secondly, we replaced some of the bulbs along the sides of the sanctuary. We cleaned and replaced the bulbs in the 12 theater lights illuminating the stage. We also did some patch-up painting.

The workers were serenaded by the choir rehearsing, Shirley Woodson practicing the organ, and Greg Breed from the San Diego Theatre Organ Society (TOSSD) rehearsing on our versatile organ for the silent film TOSSD showed on Saturday, November 19th. We also replaced the bulbs in the lights in the upper parking lot.

A big thanks to Gary Redmond, one of our Building and Grounds elders, for organizing this major rejuvenation, along with the help of Steven Lee, our facilities maintenance, and Riley Casey, our AV Tech.

We want to recognize Jim and Carolynn Baker who reworked our Christmas setup and labored long hours assisting the entire production. They were the boots on the ground while Gary Redmond was in the air.

Steven Rarick got the speakers up and running. Ken Marron from Sunbelt Rentals helped get us the lift. Chris Hammond from DCJ Theatrical Lighting assisted in correcting our lighting issues. Even people who don't attend Trinity Church helped immensely in getting this large project up and running, including providing financial discounts. Lastly, we want to thank Rob Franks, a Trinity Christian School dad who helped whenever possible.

Youth Group | An Invitation

Hello Trinity Family,

The youth group has been averaging eight to ten students a meeting. We have been having fun through interactive games, thoughtful fellowship, and meaningful conversations about Jesus. We meet every Wednesday from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. If you would like to come or speak to the youth,

please let me know! If you know anyone who might be interested, please encourage them to come! Thank you all for your support and prayer.

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Trinity Christian School | The School Never Stops



Book Character Day

Friday, October 28th, Trinity Christian School (TCS) celebrated Book Character day. A fun event for everyone, each of us brought our favorite books to school to share. Our

Student Council got the opportunity to read to Preschool through second-grade students. Staff and students dressed as characters from “Charlotte’s Web.”

Fall Festival Fun

Fall Festival brings a wonderful bonding experience between the church and the school. TCS set up carnival booth games, including a ring toss, cake walk, and enormous double bouncy slide. We sold pancakes and nachos. The families all loved shopping at the Trinity Church’s craft fair.

Honoring Those Who Served

We are so blessed to have military families at TCS! To honor them, the student council, headed up by Jahnai Hughes, organized an event sending letters of encouragement to active military and veterans. The student body also wore red, white, and blue.

Thankful and Blessed

Thanksgiving is a special time here at school. Our classes celebrate in different ways. Some bring in turkey and pumpkin pie. Others ate Eggo waffles. At any rate, we all celebrated!

Kindergarten Chapel

Every class presents a chapel sometime during the year. Just before our Thanksgiving break, Kindergarten presented a chapel about Thanksgiving. The students dressed in historical attire and acted out the events of the first Thanksgiving and what we do today to celebrate this

Book Character Day



The Fall Festival



special day. They also sang songs, giving thanks to God for all he made. It was a beautiful chapel.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes

TCS collects boxes every year for Operation Christmas Child. These boxes are filled with treasures and trinkets to show love to those needy children. They also put the

Gospel message in there, and our prayer is that these boxes will help the children that receive them come to the saving knowledge of Christ. TCS collected a total of 276 boxes!

Jimmie Drummond

Principal

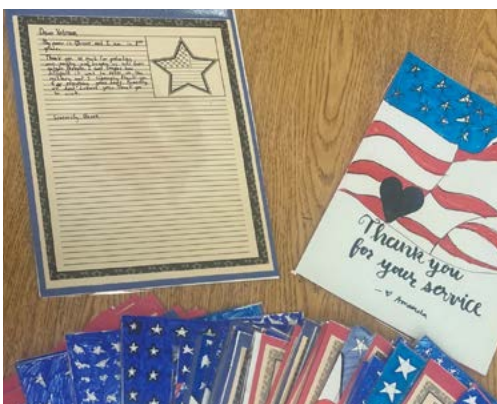
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Veteran's Day



Operation Christmas Child



Kindergarten Chapel



Clippers



Ahoy Mates,

We had a great meeting in November. Jeff Hansen, one of our elders, gave us the story of his life, how he came to Christ and how he led his sister out of the New Age movement to the Lord. He spoke of the

common thread that runs through all of the false religions, the belief that a person can become as God, the same lie that Satan used to seduce Eve. A good discussion followed his presentation.

Our clipper ship will dock at Williams Hall a week earlier in December. We will meet the second Saturday, December 10th at noon for a potluck lunch with the San Diego Theatre Organ Society and then go to the sanctuary for the annual concert. Y'all come and bring extra food so our guests don't go hungry.

We thank the Lord for the joy of our fellowship and our blessed hope of his gathering us unto himself. Maranatha!

Yer trusty signalman,
Jack, the ancient mariner

Presbyterian Women

The Fall Festival was a great success. The proceeds, which go to our missionaries, were \$5,700, with some IOUs still coming in. We want to thank everyone who participated.

On December 2nd, we have one more event. We will host the Presbyterian Women (PW) of our Presbytery for a luncheon. We will also be putting out some festival items for them to purchase. There will also be jams. We cordially invite anyone who would like to participate in this holiday event. We will start the morning with bread, juice, fruit, and a time of fellowship. Then the ladies will go to the sanctuary for a musical program presented by the students of Trinity Christian School. After the PW meeting in the sanctuary, the attendees will return to the hall for some shopping and a lunch prepared by Trinity Church ladies.

We will resume our regular calendar in January with our gathering on January 10th. We will announce the program at a later date.

Looking ahead to May, we scheduled a Mother-Daughter Tea for May 6th. We are planning a special program.

As a reminder, all women of Trinity Church are considered members of Presbyterian Women and are welcome to participate in any and all activities.

Wishing you all many blessings for the holidays,

Ardis Rowland
Secretary

Financial Update | How Are We Doing?

"With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the Lord: 'He is good; his love toward Israel endures forever. And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid.'"
Ezra 3:11

Dear Trinity Church Family,

It's December, Trinity Church Family! God is a good and faithful God. His love is a gift that endures and is the foundation of Trinity Church. As we close 2022, we will pay our financial obligations and missionaries.

Year-to-date giving statements will go out the first week of December. Please review your giving for 2022. If you have any questions, please let me know. If you are behind in your giving, please take the time to catch up

before Monday, December 26th, so we can record it for this year on your giving statement.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, I express our appreciation for your generous and faithful support over the past year. May God's love uplift you and your family as you worship him now and in the coming year. Thank you.

Rebecca Casey

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	October 2022 Final	November 2022 (As of 11/21/2022)	Year-to-Date (As of 11/21/2022)
BUDGETED INCOME	\$33,067.05	\$ 33,067.05	\$ 394,981.02
ACTUAL INCOME	\$ 31,371.96	\$ 15,545.62	\$ 349,187.92
DIFFERENCE	– \$ 1,695.09	– \$ 17,521.43	– \$ 45,793.10
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$ 38,468.97	\$ 32,449.12	\$426,299.90
INCOME – EXPENSE	– \$ 7,097.01	– \$ 16,903.50	– \$ 77,111.98

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to our



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Saturday, December 10 @ 2:00 p.m.

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