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## Words from Our Pastor | Finding Time for God



Rev. Brent Barclay | Pastor

### Greetings Everyone!

I took my family to a Family Camp on Catalina Island this summer. We spent the week at a Christian camp called Campus By the Sea. We swam in the ocean, played on the playgrounds, slept in fun cabins—even enjoyed the lack of cell phone service!

The theme for the camp was being a family different than those around us. Part of that vision of “being different” was through starting and nurturing habits focused on being more devoted to worshipping and following God throughout our whole family.

Habits can be hard to start, as well as break. No doubt, we all have stories of trying to do new things, only for us to forget or lose energy in trying to make them a part of our lives. We all struggle to stop doing something, but

the urge to keep doing it fights us daily.

If you think that is challenging, try doing that as a whole family!

The speakers and devotional times at camp were purposeful efforts for each family to learn about tweaks in our day, introducing ways to habitually

pray to God, thank God, and learn about God as a family. We have three little girls, so these times are undoubtedly short!

In the weeks since camp, Lydia and I have

been thinking about and trying new habits as a family. We had already been developing a healthy habit of daily evening devotions with our children, and now we are trying to grow it to ultimately an every evening time together. It is a challenge. Kids get tired quickly, and daddy just wants to get the kids to bed—but we try and

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push through to develop the habit of being in the Bible daily with our kids.

The latest habit we are trying is saying a quick prayer as a family together before we depart for school and work - nothing fancy, just a quick prayer for our day.

I do not tell you all this, so you think we are amazing. Trust me, this is challenging to do! I am telling you that in your family, in your household, it is never too late to invite God into the day-to-day rhythm of your house. At camp, there is a reason why they told us we would look different and stand out. It is because so few households successfully develop daily habits of thanking and worshipping God!

We all get busy, always rushing out of our house, only to return home exhausted and ready to relax.

We all want to do our own things, and live our own schedules, even within the same house. To come together, even for a few moments, and talk with God seems impossible to some of us!



*Psalm 1:1-2 Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.*

May I encourage you to struggle a little, fight through exhaustion and a busy schedule, and find time in your house to seek God, thank God, and worship God? You might find your day has a new, brighter, God-focused outlook for you and each family member!

Blessings,  
Pastor Brent Barclay

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

**T**rinity Church had a spectacular week of Vacation Bible School (VBS) the week of July 29th! With just under 40 kids, we explored different parables throughout the week, each teaching a lesson about how to show the love of Jesus to others around us! During the mornings, we worshipped and listened to a Bible story through a skit with detectives who investigated each parable to solve the hidden lessons Jesus told.

After our morning rallies, the kids went through different stations, including a small group question time about the Bible story and an art project reinforcing the theme. There was also a sports station and snack time. Our personal favorite was called the mystery station. The mystery station was our outreach area where the children created something for others in the community. In this station, we put together goodie bags for teachers, police officers, nurses, and the unhoused. The goal for this station was to create a tangible way for the kids to learn what it means to show the love of

Jesus to their community. At the end of each day, we came back together to recap our lesson and play a super fun game!

On the last day of VBS, we provided the opportunity for those who had not accepted Jesus as their Savior to do so, and we had many students raise their hands. Praise God! On Friday, we had a family day where the entire family came to play and have fun together! We enjoyed a worship set by Frank Amador, heard an introduction to our new Living Room service by Pastor Brent, and finished with a BBQ hosted by Kirk Drummond! We had such a great week, all made possible by the wonderful volunteers who showed up to help shepherd these sweet kids every day!

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# Trinity Christian School | Another School Year Begins

## Back to School

**A**s Trinity Christian School (TCS) embarks on a new academic year, we are eager to witness the direction in which God will guide us. Our theme verse for the year is Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV):

*You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*

We recognize that we have been a hidden gem on the hill and are committed to shining brightly within

our community. We invite you to join us in prayer for this school year, seeking to make a meaningful impact for Christ.

## Back-to-School BBQ

One of our cherished traditions is the Back-to-School Barbecue. This event allows the students to drop off their school supplies and meet their teachers, facilitating a smooth transition into the new school year. Following these introductions, the community comes together to enjoy a picnic-style meal featuring hotdogs and hamburgers. It is a time for students to reconnect with peers and parents to engage in fellowship, fostering a community feeling and excitement for the year ahead.



## New Families

We are pleased to welcome 43 new students to our school this year. This influx of new families and friendships enriches our community, and we are grateful for the opportunity to support and nurture these new members. We extend our warmest wishes to them, hoping they find a sense of belonging and support at TCS.



## Coming Soon

We are excited to announce our upcoming Middle School Chapel, scheduled for September 27th at 11:15 a.m. in Williams Hall. This chapel will be the first student-led one of the academic year, showcasing the talents and leadership of our students. Save the date! On October 11th at 6:30 p.m., we will have our Second Annual Hoe Down. Join us for an enjoyable evening of dancing and entertainment, promising a lively and memorable experience.

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## Clippers



Ahoy mates!

Welcome back, all mates, for an exciting Clippers fall season!

Summer is coming to a close and the good ship Clipper is getting ready to dock at Williams Hall. In preparation, there will

be a Clippers board meeting on Tuesday, September 3rd, at 9:30 a.m. in Ward Center.

Board members, grab your coffee and be sure to attend!

On Saturday, September 21, the first Clippers potluck and program will be held. Bring your food items at 12:45 p.m. and be ready to eat delicious grub at 1:00 p.m. Pastor Brent Barclay will bring our program.

Be thinking about the upcoming fall festival and what you are planning to bring.

Yer trusty first mate,  
Melanie Plett

## A Sneak Peek | What's Coming for the Fall Festival



**H**ere's a sneak peek into this year's Fall Festival of opportunities! Thank You, Lisa Drake for contributing a Route 66 themed throw - boys will be boys, young or old.

Margy Becker passed on some great fabric to Peggy Watkins and in the mix were almost enough blocks to create this fun blue and yellow quilt for the middle

quilt - it's all about working together and using the resources we have at hand. Thank you ladies!

Lastly, another creation in fall colors is very appropriate for this time of year done in batiks in a throw size.

**Watch for a display on Sundays in October.**

# Financial Update | How Are We Doing?

*I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.” Psalm 34:1 KJV*

## Greetings Trinity Church Family

God deserves our praise at all times. He gave Trinity Church many things to be grateful for this summer. Thanks to your generous donations to our Vacation Bible School (VBS), Mandy and a host of volunteers ran a vibrant VBS with over 35 kids, and we were able to host and feed 73 people for the Friday family fun day. This summer, we were able to pave the lower parking lot and get some much-needed plumbing repairs done on the sewer line down by the preschool classrooms.

As we head into fall, God has provided for all of our financial obligations, including missions. God is good. At the end of September, we will send out third-quarter giving statements. Thank you for being faithful stewards. Your giving keeps the ministries and missions of Trinity Church running and growing.

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|                                       | June 2024 Final       | July 2024 Final       |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>PROJECTED &amp; PLEDGED INCOME</b> | \$ 38,303.62          | \$ 36,503.62          |
| <b>ADD RESERVES FROM DEDICATED</b>    | \$ 0.00               | \$ 0.00               |
| <b>PROJECTED INCOME RECEIVED</b>      | <b>\$ 19,818.57</b>   | <b>\$ 26,256.71</b>   |
| <b>INCOME DIFFERENCE</b>              | <b>- \$ 18,485.05</b> | <b>- \$ 10,246.91</b> |
| <b>CURRENT EXPENSE ACTUAL</b>         | \$ 38,818.71          | \$ 32,989.71          |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSE</b>         | <b>- \$ 19,000.14</b> | <b>- \$ 6,733.00</b>  |

|                                       | August<br>(as of 8/26/2024) | Year to Date<br>(as of 8/26/2024) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>PROJECTED &amp; PLEDGED INCOME</b> | \$ 36,503.62                | \$ 302,828.80                     |
| <b>ADD RESERVES FROM DEDICATED</b>    | \$ 25,000.00                | \$ 95,975.00                      |
| <b>PROJECTED INCOME RECEIVED</b>      | \$ 39,197.47                | \$ 222,620.35                     |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                   | <b>\$ 64,197.47</b>         | <b>\$ 318,595.35</b>              |
| <b>INCOME DIFFERENCE</b>              | \$ 27,693.85                | \$ 15,766.55                      |
| <b>CURRENT EXPENSE ACTUAL</b>         | <b>\$ 39,639.83</b>         | <b>\$ 330,042.82</b>              |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSE</b>         | \$ 24,557.64                | <b>- \$ 11,447.47</b>             |



THE  
LIVING ROOM  
*Service*

from **9:00-9:45 a.m.**

This new service is “out of the box.” We meet in Williams Hall around tables, not in rows of chairs. It has worship, but the style does not define it. Instead of a sermon, we will use prompts and discussion around those tables. Kids can be kids and engage throughout.

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