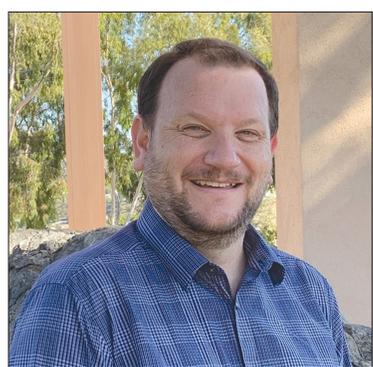




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Words from Our Pastor | Life Reflections



Rev. Brent Barclay | Pastor

Greetings Everyone!

When was the last time you looked through your old yearbooks? Maybe you have fond memories of those old days back in school, where everything was in front of you: your life, career, and family. You look back at those photos and have marvelous memories.

Maybe you look at those photos and shudder at that hairstyle or those clothes you wore! “What was I thinking,” you might ask yourself!

As many of you know, I taught youth ministry for many years. I educated and counseled many high school students as they lived out those “yearbook” years.

I often tried to tell them to think beyond the yearbook.

What do I mean by that? Life goes forward beyond those high school years. You might have forgotten by now, but those years in school were very formative. Teenagers find it hard to contemplate what life looks like beyond school. To ask a teenager to comprehend what their life might look like at age 40 seems impossible to them!

Yet I challenged them. Their decisions then would profoundly impact their future, near and far. Who they will be starts with the decisions they make today.

Of course, most of you have lived far beyond those yearbook photos. You can probably speak from



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experience that truth, that the decisions you make in a given time, whether during your teenage years or later, impacted your life.

So as you think of your yearbook photo and who you are today, what thoughts come to mind? Are you proud of where you have traveled in life? Is it full of regrets, missed opportunities, or mistakes? Would the person in that photo be proud of where you ended up or surprised, or maybe a little disappointed?

Here's the thing: you can take a photo today and begin a new chapter in the journey. You are never too late to start something new, make different choices, and be proud of where you are going.

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. Romans 8:12-13

You can begin today to live by the Spirit and not by the flesh. You can start making decisions you would be proud of and not ashamed of, even today, far beyond the yearbook years.

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Youth Group | Kids are Growing in Jesus!!

Hello Trinity Church Family!

Happy New Year! The month of January flew by! We discussed new year's resolutions, the power of prayer through current events, and the characteristics of God's people in the book of Numbers. Some of the students' new year's resolutions were to be closer to God through prayer and reading the Bible more often. We looked at the power of prayer using the Damar Hamlin injury as a lens. We saw sports analysts on live TV saying prayers, Twitter handles changing, and teammates acknowledging God publicly. In the book of Numbers,

we examined the tragic transition between the old and new generations in their quest to find the promised land.

In February, we plan on having another Middle School Fun Night, and the students of the youth group are poised to be leaders. Please pray that this night will foster growth and excitement as these students grow closer to Jesus.

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Children's Ministry | An Introduction to Sunday School

Hello, Church Family!

My name is Erica Cruz. I am the Director of the Children's Ministry. It has been a blessing to be a part of this ministry, and after much devotion and prayer, we are starting to see growth!

When the children first arrive at Sunday School, they are greeted by me and/or Ms. Reese Casey and Ms. Kya Taylor. This past year has been a bit of a transition as far as volunteers go, and I am very thankful for their constant commitment to the children and to the ministry. Thank you so much, ladies! We always have music playing to help create a more inviting atmosphere, and we all know the Pastor's girls love to sing and dance! That alone usually helps a new

friend settle in for the first time. After we get settled and comfortable, we get into our "Cuddle Corner" and begin our lesson. As we have our teaching, we eat a little breakfast together because children chewing aren't children talking! Once we get through our story and breakfast, we get into an activity. Sometimes the activity is a craft, or sometimes it's a group game. Now that more children attend, the group games seem to be a popular vote!

I feel this ministry serves its purpose, to bring children to know and love Jesus. I am very much looking forward to a new year and to continuing to serve the children!

Erica Cruz

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Trinity Christian School | Welcome 2023!



It's Elemental

In Science class, 8th-grade students have the tradition of making t-shirts representing an element in the periodic table. This year the students covered elements like sodium, copper, and helium. In a class presentation, each student explained

the characteristics of their element. Their shirt had to contain a clever and original slogan and colorful artwork. This tradition is remarkable, something the students will remember for years.

Sock Hop

It has been a while since our Trinity Christian School (TCS) families celebrated with a Sock Hop. Families came

dressed in poodle skirts, cuffed jeans, and cat eyeglasses. There was cornhole and other games. Students danced the night away by making a train and dancing to "The Locomotion!" They also had a limbo line. We all enjoyed rootbeer floats and homemade brownies. The best part of the evening was seeing all the smiling faces, enjoying fellowship and fun.

TCS has several upcoming events. In February, we will host a "Mother/Son Cosmic Bowling" and "Father/Daughter Dance." God is good, and TCS is blessed to have the most incredible families to share these precious moments.

Middle School Electives

TCS is known for its rigorous academics, but you might not know that we tap into the student's creativity. Each week the kindergarten through eighth-grade students have a variety of enrichment classes. These classes include music, technology, Spanish, physical education,



The Sock Hop



Cooking Class

and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math). To further this enrichment, TCS offers Middle School electives. We scatter these electives throughout the trimester. The classes are cooking, Spanish culture, sports outreach, krav maga, STEAM, and journalism.

In cooking, the students learn simple but yummy recipes. This week they made grilled cheese with jelly. (Sounds gross, but they were delicious). The Spanish culture class visited a Mexican restaurant. The students in the journalism class are working on a “Trinity Times” newspaper. STEAM students made a magnet out of a battery. Sports outreach played games and talked about

sharing the Gospel. Lastly, krav maga students worked on self-defense tactics.

This is a great time for all middle schoolers to broaden their horizons and try new things.

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Jamie Warren

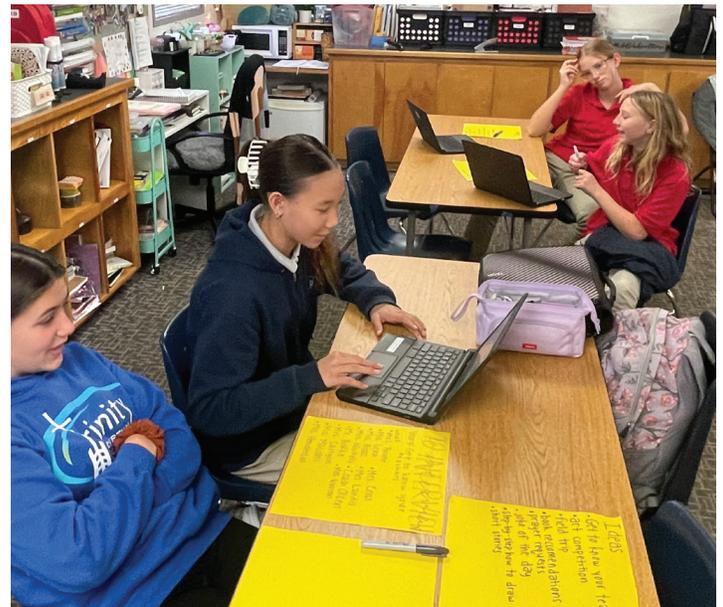
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Krav maga class



Journalism class



STEAM class



Spanish culture class

Clippers



Ahoy Mates,

The good Clipper Ship docked at Williams Hall Saturday, January 21st, for a potluck, fellowship, and a documentary on Mission Aviation Fellowship's ministry in Indonesia. We all came away with a greater appreciation of who they are

and the work they do to bring the gospel to the ends of the earth. Sue Walters gave the devotion.

Saturday, February 18th, will be our next meeting. Our guest speaker will be Gary Redmond. He will tell us about his life, how he came to the Lord, and his Christian walk. Y'all come and bring a guest.

Yer trusty signalman,
Jack, the ancient mariner

Presbyterian Women

Our year is underway. At the Gathering on January 17th, we heard the testimony of three of Trinity Church's seniors, Elsie Luranc, Barbara Wells, and Jon Hughes. They each played a big part in this church's history.

We started a new Bible study in the book of Jonah. We will see the second half of the video next month.

On February 14th, John Barry will be our guest leading us in a Springtime Sing-A-Long. As is our custom, we will finish with a delicious lunch and fellowship around the tables. This event is an excellent opportunity to invite a friend.

Other dates to put on your calendar:

- February 21st is crafting in Ward Center at 9:30 a.m.
- Our Mother's Day Tea is on May 6th.
- The Annual Rummage Sale is on June 23rd and 24th. Start saving your treasures now.
- The Fall Festival is on November 4th and 5th.

The next Coordinating Teams meeting is on February 7th.

Ardis Rowland
Secretary

Financial Update | How Are We Doing?

“For the LORD God is our sun and our shield. He gives us grace and glory. The LORD will withhold no good thing from those who do what is right.” Psalm 84:11 (NLT)

Dear Trinity Church Family,

As we wrap up the financial details of the previous year, it always humbles me how God has chosen to provide for us. He does indeed “withhold no good thing” at

Trinity Church. Thank you for all you bring to Trinity Church. It all works together for His glory.

I look forward to seeing how God will continue to bless the work of this church in the coming year.

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	December 2022 Final	Year-to-Date Final	January 2023 (as of 1/19/2023)
PROJECTED & PLEDGED INCOME	\$ 33,289.41	\$ 430,716.36	\$ 29,340.78
ACTUAL INCOME RECEIVED	\$ 51,625.77	\$ 402,413.02	\$ 13,915.94
PROJECTED MINUS ACTUAL INCOME RCVD DIFFERENCE	\$ 18,336.36	– \$ 28,303.34	– \$ 15,424.84
CURRENT EXPENSE ACTUAL	\$ 39,903.88	\$ 488,700.73	\$ 17,653.14
TOTAL ACTUAL INCOME – ACTUAL EXPENSE:	\$ 11,721.89	– \$ 86,287.71	– \$ 3,737.20

Wednesday Night Bible Study Looks at the Parables of Jesus



Join us on Wednesday nights for our Bible Study! We will start at 5:30 p.m. in Williams Hall with a potluck, followed by worship and a look at one of Jesus' parables.. We will end by 7:00 p.m. Watch for Pastor Brent's email to connect using Zoom. Any questions? Ask Pastor Brent.

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