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Greetings Everyone!

s you all know, we started on a new adventure this past fall, creating a new worship service called The Living Room Service. We chose The Living Room instead of other names like Family or Contemporary to reflect the service's uniqueness. We felt God was calling

way and be surprised about what God had in mind.

Eight months in, and that has been the case! I have been surprised by what God has been doing in this service, seeing youth lead us in worship, watching and hearing the different discussions around tables. It has been fun watching God at work!



us to offer something outside the box to help meet the needs of households and families who desire to create new habits of talking to each other about the Bible.

When we started this, I tried to keep my mind open to what God had to say. It is easy to say the music will be this and the atmosphere and order will be that. I wanted to allow God to lead the It is things like
this that we, as a
church, need to
keep trying. The
world around us
is changing and
seemingly moving
faster and faster.
We as a church
need to be bold
and trust in God

with trying new ideas. After all, not all ideas will work. We are assessing if the Living Room Service is working and what changes we may need to make to meet more needs.

Are we a church that is comfortable trying new things? Are we a church willing to say yes to some ideas and

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say no to things not flourishing within our ministry? These can be tough decisions. Thankfully, we have Jesus Christ as the head of our church. With his leadership, Jesus will lead us with confidence and grace.

After all, Trinity Church is Christ's church, not ours. We are stewards of what Christ has established, as he taught us to love one



another and to give our complete worship to God. Let us fully embrace and trust Jesus with our dreams, hopes, and desires for our church, and let us join Jesus on this adventure.

Blessings, Pastor Brent Barclay



Happy Birthday, Pastor Brent

April 30th was Pastor Brent's birthday. A number of the staff celebrated his day with a lunch and an official Padres jersey. His favorite team member, Manny Machado, was on the back.

We are thankful for Pastor Brent and all he brings to Trinity Church.

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Children's Ministry | An Update

ove, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control - the fruits of the Spirit for those who abide in the Vine. The children learned about so many heroes of the faith who showed these attributes. David showed self-control when he encountered King Saul in the cave, Joseph patiently waited for God to fulfill the dreams he received as a youth, and King Josiah faithfully brought back the Law and the remembrance of Passover. When we follow and obey God, we will grow these fruits!

To prepare for Easter, we focused on our need for our Good Shepherd because we are his little sheep. Each day, as we trust him more, he takes care of our every need.

Lastly, to celebrate Easter, the children learned how all the eggs at Easter time remind us that Jesus is the giver of new life! Many animals lay eggs, and we see the miracle of new life that God brings. Children also heard the Easter story from Resurrection Eggs, plastic eggs filled with little pieces of the story in each one - a cross, stone and then the final egg is empty, and we say just like the angels, "He is not here, He is risen just as He said!" Easter was a day of celebration with our dear church family!

Lydia Barclay Interim Children's Ministry Director

"But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. GALATIANS 5-22-23





















Trinity Christian School | Thankful for Trinity Church

s we move through this Easter season of reflection and celebration, we feel particularly thankful for the connection between Trinity Church and Trinity Christian School (TCS). It's such a blessing to be an outreach ministry of Trinity Church. We wanted to share a few recent events that have brought our students lots of joy, learning, and spiritual growth!

Grandparents Chapel

We happily welcomed many grandparents to campus for Grandparents Chapel, a special day of

love, laughter, and legacy. We packed the sanctuary and enjoyed beautiful organ music played by our own Shirley Woodson, with special music performances by TCS students. Our students loved to share their school and faith with the grandparents who play such significant roles in their lives. It was a beautiful reminder of the faith that spans generations.

Off to Washington, D.C.

Our seventh- and eighth-grade students had the incredible opportunity to travel to our nation's

Below: Grandparents Chapel

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capital, where history came alive before their eyes. From visiting monuments to learning about the foundations of our government, this trip was both educational and inspiring. We are so grateful for safe travels and the chance to broaden our students' understanding of civic responsibility through a Christian lens.

Second Grade Leads Chapel

Our second graders blessed us all as they led chapel with heart and joy! They shared the story of David and Goliath with scripture and worship songs that reminded us of the Lord's faithfulness and protection!

We are continually thankful for the support and prayers of Trinity Church. Your partnership helps us nurture young hearts and minds in Christ-centered education. May God bless you richly this Easter season!

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Above, below & right: Seventh- and eighth-graders go to Washington, D.C. and other historical places.



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Above: The students got a special opportunity on this trip. The woman on the left is a soldier from the tomb of the unknown soldier. She is only one of seven women to hold this position.





Above: Air Force cadets from the Navigators Ministry spoke to the middle school students.



Left and below: Second grade chapel



Clippers



Ahoy mates!

Saturday, May 17th, the good ship Clipper will dock for its last meeting and potluck until the fall. Pastor Dick Adams will address what steps we can take in planning a memorial service. Have you thought about what

you want for your memorial service? Have you communicated your wishes to your loved ones who will survive you?

Come and have a delicious meal and hear Pastor Adams share his vast experience in this area. Having conducted many memorial services, we are sure he will impart valuable advice to us all!

Because the Clippers meeting in June falls at the same time as the Trinity Church rummage sale, we will not have our meeting. July and August are dark for summer vacation.

It is not too early to set aside gently used items you wish to donate to the rummage sale. The proceeds go to the missionaries the Clippers support.

Yer trusty first mate, Melanie Plett



Easter at Trinity Church

Drake Hansen and Kya Taylor helped lead worship during our Easter service. They blessed us all!

Thank you also to Frank Amador - Worship Director, Robin Mayo - Choir Director and the choir, Melanie Plett on cello, Shirley Woodson on the organ, and Russ Kelly on drums for making our Easter service so beautiful.

Thank you to Peggy Watkins for the photo.

Facilities Update | We are Working Hard to Get Things Done!

ur facilities team is working hard to get our property in shape. We capitalized on Trinity Christian School going on spring break in April to finish a few large projects. We are scheduling others for over the summer break.

Verizon (owner of one of our cell towers) paid for the fence construction to separate their access road from the school playground. This fence allows Verizon and its subcontractors access without impacting the school.

After our recent fire inspection, we did several requested updates as a result of that inspection. We created and posted an emergency exit plan for Williams Hall. Randy and his team rekeyed most of the buildings (especially the school buildings) so the fire and emergency crews would have

easier access to our property in the case of an emergency. We installed an office video doorbell so office staff can see who is at the door, and a Knox box - a security key box used by fire and emergency personnel to get keys quickly.

We began a massive clean-up of our property to reduce the fire hazard and repainted the red fire striping in front of the sanctuary.

We cleaned Williams Hall's carpets, touched up the paint in the men's bathroom, and painted the front of the restroom doors to Williams Hall's restrooms.

The facilities team replaced all the air filters on the property. We are planning on replacing the HVAC in the sanctuary later this year.





Left: The new fence Verizon paid for to separate their access road from the school grounds.

Above: Repainting the fire zone in front of the sanctuary.

Rummage Sale | Friday, June 20th, and Saturday, June 21st



Trinity Church's annual rummage sale is next month, Friday, June 20th and Saturday, June 21st. Start packing up your usable, clean treasures you do not want anymore!

This is big every year, and all the proceeds go to Missions through Clippers. Call Muriel Johnson with questions.

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