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Words from Our Pastor | Stand Firm!



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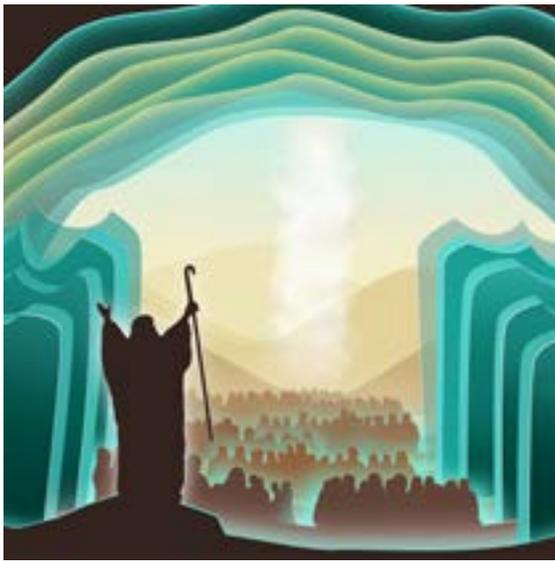
Exodus 14:31 *And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.*

I recently read an article that claimed in its research that almost 80 percent of Americans agree that religion is losing its influence in American life. The research is not specifically about Christianity, but Christianity is still far and away the dominant religion in America. So, yes, this is saying Christianity is losing its influence in American life.

I know what you're thinking: of course it is! We see evidence of this every day. We see how the majority disregard Christian ethics and morals

and how people know less and less about what the Bible says. We know that people don't pray, go to church, or care about Jesus like it used to be.

We just finished looking at the first 14 chapters of Exodus. We began with Israel enduring generations of slavery and ended with them being rescued and putting their trust in the Lord. We pray that our country will come to have that same faith in God.



Yet, in between those points was a long journey for Israel. There were definitely times when over 80 percent of Israel gave up on God. They questioned God's plans, they questioned Moses as the spokesperson for God (Moses did plenty of that

himself as well!). They wondered aloud if it would have been better if they never followed God in the first

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place. They endured pain and suffering, loss and confusion. They watched their enemies pursue them, torture them, yet ultimately be defeated.

And ultimately, they witnessed God's protection over them and divine deliverance in a way that only God could do in the parting of the Red Sea.

The lessons learned from this exodus are simple: follow God and let him fight for you. Trust God that he will keep his promises. Don't try to fight your battles by yourself or take serious matters into your own hands.

It is so easy to get discouraged, to think it is too late for God to turn things around. We feel like Israel, surrounded by unmovable obstacles and the enemy closing in to finish us off. Yet God can take an obstacle and turn it into a path. Just as God can



part the seas, God can create opportunities for Christianity to make a difference.

For Israel, they had to get to a place where only God could lead them forward. The call to them was to stand firm and let God fight. Our temptation is to take issues into our own hands and fight against culture, society, or whatever it is.

What if God is telling us, "Stand firm, let me handle it!" What if it is not us that saves America, but God (crazy thought, huh?)? Moses gained trust because Israel saw the display of the mighty hand of the Lord. If we want to gain the trust of others, let us stand firm and let the Lord display the mighty acts of love and grace so desperately needed in our world. Let's pray the Lord takes the obstacles between Christians and our culture and creates paths only God can make.

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Children's Ministry | God's Powerful Purpose for Our Lives

This month, in the Children's Ministry, we have continued to learn about Moses and God's plan for his life. The children learned how important it is to listen to God's voice and how vital His commandments are to us today, just as they were for the Israelites back then. Celebrating Saint Patrick's Day was a real treat! We enjoyed learning about the importance of Saint Patrick, who was once a slave in Ireland, where he became a devout Christian in his time of despair. We talked

about the importance of having a strong faith and how one person, with Jesus, can profoundly impact the Kingdom of God. Using one of Saint Patrick's brilliant analogies, we created the Trinity from a shamrock representing Father, Spirit, and Son. On Palm Sunday, we talked about Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. On Easter, we celebrated the death and resurrection of our King! Thank you for continuing to pray over our ministry!



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Palm Sunday | Our Children and Youth with Palm Branches



Trinity Christian School | Celebrations Abound!

Serve-a-Thon 2024

Wow! Our Serve-a-Thon 2024 surpassed all expectations, marking an extraordinary triumph at Trinity Christian School (TCS).

This annual event, dedicated to fostering community outreach, service, and vital fundraising for school needs, commenced with boundless energy and enthusiasm. From the outset, students eagerly embraced the theme of “frogs and fun,” symbolizing a playful spirit and the green wave of contributions pouring in.

The pinnacle of our event was our “serve” day, inaugurated by the esteemed presence of Allie Wagner and the KUSI team, capturing the vibrant essence of our mission. Dressed in their distinctive Serve-a-Thon attire, students exuded confidence and purpose, ready for the spotlight as they embarked on a day of impactful service. From the tender melodies of preschoolers at Covenant Living at Mount Miguel to the heartfelt gestures of

fifth graders cleaning up Mission Bay, each grade level imbued their service projects with unwavering dedication and compassion. As the day unfolded, “Leaping into service” became more than a slogan — it became our collective ethos.

The culmination of our efforts bore remarkable fruit as we exceeded our fundraising target, rallying together to raise over \$37,000 earmarked for essential classroom technology and security enhancements. In celebration of this achievement, a whimsical “balloon sploosh” spectacle ensued, with select staff members, including Mrs. Rudolph and Mr. Wheale, earning the prestigious honor of being slimed — a testament to their unwavering commitment and leadership.

As the day drew to a close, amidst the residue of hard work and the warmth of fulfilled hearts, it became evident that Serve-a-Thon 2024 had not only left an indelible mark on our school community

Serve-a-Thon



but had also reaffirmed the power of collective action and generosity in making a tangible difference in the world.

International Day

TCS embraces a rich tradition of celebrating and paying homage to diverse cultures, a cornerstone of which is our cherished annual International Day. This special event sees students embarking on a journey across continents as they venture through classrooms transformed into global showcases. The kindergartners were immersed in Irish culture, greeted by vibrant displays of green, white, and orange flags and indulging in the delightful flavors of Colcannon, a traditional dish of mashed potatoes and cabbage. Meanwhile, upstairs in the fourth-grade classroom, the sights and sounds of Uganda beckoned, offering a glimpse into its vibrant heritage. In the fifth-grade classroom, the spirit of Jamaica came alive through colorful decorations and cultural artifacts. Throughout the day, students and staff savored a kaleidoscope of international delicacies and treasures, fostering an appreciation

for the beauty of our diverse world. As a poignant finale, each country's representation included insights into how the Gospel is shared within its borders. May this immersive experience inspire our students to deepen their understanding of these cultures and share the light of Jesus.

Seuss Week

At TCS, Seuss Week is a fun time that lights imaginations, getting the kids excited about reading. Inspired by the tales of Dr. Seuss, this week-long event transports students into a world of colorful adventures. Each day, the students celebrate by dressing up in themed attire. Even the teachers participated! From wacky hat day to green eggs and ham breakfasts, the wack spirit of Seuss infused every moment. The students decorated their classrooms with colorful crafts. The week unfolded into a memorable event filled with fun and reading!

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Seuss Week



Clippers



Ahoy Mates!

The good ship Clippers docked at 1300 hours on Saturday, March 16th, in Williams Hall for mess and fellowship. Speaker Raul Palomino was unable to attend so Cap'n Sue Walters discussed updates on the combined

PW/Clippers events. We acted on several items, specifically:

We will merge the annual Clippers auction with the Fall Festival, as auctionable items have decreased in recent years. Baked goods remain popular and will be available at the Fall Festival.

The disposition of funds to the missionaries and to TCS was discussed, opting for monthly payments to each missionary family.

We discussed possible new missionary support with the retirement of the Robinsons (see below) and the Cantrussi's.

The mariner theme will be retained in Clipper business and correspondence.

The replacement of old wheelchairs and walkers stored in Williams Hall was discussed.

We contacted Leigh Taylor for the April 20th meeting and he has been tentatively scheduled for the program.

Yer trusty midshipwoman,
Melanie Plett

Missions | Steve and Debbie Robinson are Retiring

Since 1984, Trinity Church has supported Steve and Debbie Robinson. They belong to Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF), serving forty years in various capacities and areas.

Steve started as a pilot/mechanic for MAF in 1984 in the Central American country of Honduras. They served on a remote mission base with the Miskito people, supporting the Moravian Mission Clinic and other missionaries in the area.

From there, in 1989, MAF sent them to a small city on the edge of the Amazon Rainforest in Venezuela. They helped numerous missionaries and two government organizations focusing on medical research and care.

In 1999, Steve and Debbie went to Oaxaca, Mexico.

During the last 20+ years, Steve worked as a maintenance instructor at the MAF headquarters in

Nampa, Idaho. He evaluated, trained, and mentored the next generation of MAF pilots/mechanics and maintenance specialists.

Steve and Debbie thank Trinity Church for our support for all these years of ministry. They could not have served Jesus and unreached people without our partnership!



Financial Update | How Are We Doing?

“It’s not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What’s important is that God makes the seed grow.” 1 Corinthians 3:7

Hello Trinity Church Family

With the rain, God is making the seeds grow for us at Trinity Church. The financial report shows we are current with our financial obligations, including missions. Praise God! We will email the first quarter giving statements at the end of March.

Your tithes and gifts allow Trinity Church to carry on the mission of proclaiming the good news that

Jesus Christ is our risen Lord. Thank you for all the ways you support Trinity Church spiritually, personally, and financially. God rewards our faithfulness!

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	February 2024 Final	= Actual & Reserve	March 2024 (as of 3/15/2024)
PROJECTED & PLEDGED INCOME	\$ 38,303.62		\$ 38,303.62
ACTUAL INCOME RECEIVED	\$ 19,965.35		\$ 19,965.35
PROJECTED MINUS ACTUAL INCOME = RCVD DIFFERENCE	- \$ 18,338.27		\$ 45,479.81
CURRENT EXPENSE ACTUAL	\$ 41,365.51		\$ 20,674.53
ADD RESERVES FROM DEDICATED	\$ 0.00	\$ 19,965.35	\$ 0.00
TOTAL ACTUAL INCOME - ACTUAL EXPENSE:	- \$ 21,400.16		- \$ 709.18

	Year to Date (as of 3/15/2024)	= Actual & Reserve
PROJECTED & PLEDGED INCOME	\$ 114,910.70	
ACTUAL INCOME RECEIVED	\$ 69,193.24	
PROJECTED MINUS ACTUAL INCOME = RCVD DIFFERENCE	\$136,439.69	
CURRENT EXPENSE ACTUAL	\$ 109,230.08	
ADD RESERVES FROM DEDICATED	\$ 68,600.50	\$ 137,793.74
TOTAL ACTUAL INCOME - ACTUAL EXPENSE:	\$ 28,563.66	

Our Women's Retreat is Coming Saturday, May 4th

We invite ALL Trinity Church women to join us for a creative and restorative retreat on the Trinity Church campus. OUR COMPASSIONATE GOD is our theme.



Our own Tricia Kelly is our speaker and presenter. She will demonstrate how the Holy Spirit and music inspire her art pieces and how this experience influenced her life and love of Jesus.

We start at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday with a continental breakfast. After worshipping the Lord in song, Tricia will demonstrate her art and encourage us to experiment painting with acrylics. Lunch is included with inspiring table conversation.

Wear comfortable clothing in which you can paint. It's not a tea party but a casual get-together. Please bring yourself, your teenage daughters, friends, and others. We'll enjoy fellowship and time with the Lord. We will finish by 2:00 p.m.

The cost is \$25, and partial scholarships are available. Tickets will be on sale at church after Easter. Talk to Sue Walters or Bobette Barfod if you have questions.

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