

Words from Our Pastor | Our Instruction Manual



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Greetings Everyone!

I am sure many of you have assembled something using an instruction manual at some point. You took all the parts out of the box, got the right tools ready for the job, and made space to assemble your project. And, at some point, you found the handy manual with step-by-step instructions for how to assemble it.

As you grabbed the manual and looked it over, did the thought ever cross your mind, “Do I trust this instruction manual?” You probably did not ask that question, but you still found yourself seeing it glumly rather than with gladness. I dare say we never look at an instruction manual with gladness and joy.



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I bring this up because when we consider what the Bible is, we realize it is many things. One approach is to view the Bible as an instruction manual, helping us understand God’s will, showing us how to live our lives in obedience and worship, and where

the incredible story of God and humanity is ultimately heading. Yet for many people, some of us included, we see the Bible and wonder, “Yeah, but can I trust it?” So why can we find it easier to trust an instruction manual rather than the Bible?

In Psalm 25, David writes, “*In you, Lord my God, I put my trust. I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.*” David actively initiates his

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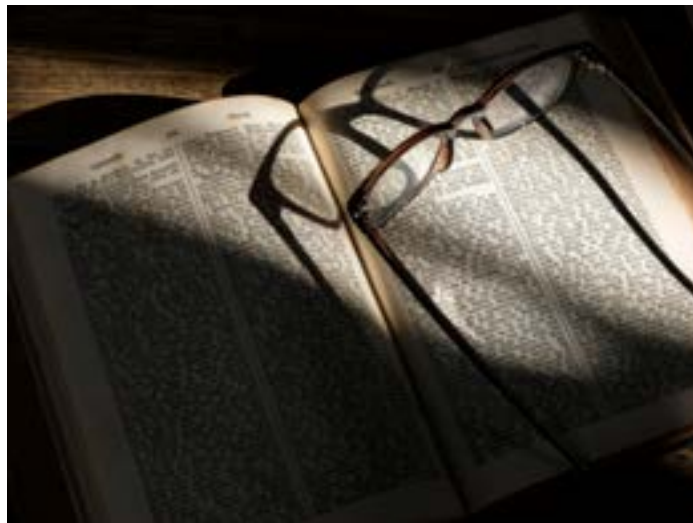
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trust in God and takes a leap of faith to do so. Just like when you begin reading Step 1 of your manual, you actively put your trust that what you read will lead to success.

Yet how often in the process of following the manual do you find it long and boring, complicated and confusing, and thus are tempted to take shortcuts, ignore steps, put in a half-hearted effort, or even throw the manual away and wing it?

Long and boring, complicated and confusing ... does that sound like how a lot of people feel about the Bible? Is the issue really about trusting the Bible or the temptation not to put in the effort to read it, understand it, and follow it?



Maybe with smaller projects, you were able to ditch the manual and figure it out. Good for you! Will that work next time when the project is bigger and more challenging? Do not assume that your small victories over small struggles in life mean that you can ditch the Bible and deem yourself an expert in all things.

Instead, actively trust God's word to lead you through challenges and trials, believing it will reveal his heart and mind to you. Rather than seeing the Bible as a long, confusing chore to read through, find joy and gladness that you have it as the best guide you will ever read.

Blessings,
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Trinity Christian School | The End of the 2024-2025 Year

As we wrap up another wonderful school year, our hearts are full of gratitude for all that God has done in and through our students, teachers, and families with the unwavering support of Trinity Church. The past few weeks have been a beautiful reminder of God's faithfulness.

Eighth-Grade Blessing Dinner

We gathered in Williams Hall for our eighth-grade Blessing Dinner — a cherished evening for everyone. It was more than just a celebration; it was a moment of prayer and reflection, as each graduating student was personally blessed and encouraged for the journey ahead. Our middle school teachers spoke wisdom and love, reminding each student of God's promises. Then, there was a time for each family to meet together where the student shared their blessing letter with their

parents, and the parents shared their blessing letter with their child. It was a beautiful evening filled with joy, love, and encouragement as we sent our eighth-grade class to high school. *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future."* – Jeremiah 29:11

Open House

We welcomed students and their families to our Open House on the evening of May 22nd. The joy on the students' faces was priceless as they showed their work, classrooms, and projects. Our Trinity Christian School (TCS) teachers displayed beautiful and creative student work throughout their classrooms. It was a wonderful evening celebrating a great school year.

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The Eighth-Grade Blessing Dinner



Above: Patriotic Chapel



Left: Talent show

Below: Parents enjoying the TCS coffee cart.



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Third- and Fourth Grade Chapel

Our third- and fourth-grade students led Chapel in May. What a powerful morning it was as they shared the importance of having joy in the Lord and focusing on having a grateful heart. In addition to our third- and fourth-grade classes leading Chapel in May, we had a fantastic presentation of our Trinity Student Choir at Chapel.

Our Patriotic Chapel

Moving into June, we celebrated our Patriotic Chapel on June 6th, a time to honor our nation and remember the blessing of freedom. Led by our music teacher, Mr. Dailey, our students presented with poise and passion. We thank Shirley Woodson for playing the organ on this wonderful morning, celebrating the United States of America. Preparing for this presentation was a unique opportunity to

teach our students the importance of honoring and thanking our veterans and active-duty military service members. As we stood together singing patriotic songs, we were reminded of 2 Chronicles 7:14: *"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray ... then I will hear from heaven."*

The Talent Show Doesn't Disappoint

On June 9th, the stage lit up in Williams Hall for our annual Talent Show, and what a joyful celebration! From music and dance to comedy, each act was a beautiful reminder of how God uniquely gifts each of us. *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others..."* – 1 Peter 4:10

Sports Day Finishes Off the School Year

The fun continued with Sports Day on June 10th, bursting with energy, teamwork, and laughter. Whether racing across the field or cheering on friends, our students displayed Christlike encouragement and joy. *"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord..."*

Below: Preschool's Dad and Donuts Day.



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Above: Liam Burke prays. Liam is the son of our former Youth Pastor, Joe Burke.



Above and left: Fifth-grade students participated in the annual Living Museum.

Staff Update | New Help with Facilities Maintenance



Pat Rudolf is a new member to our Facilities Maintenance team. Pat was born in Hemet, California and grew up in the Imperial Valley. He moved to the San Diego area in 1998. His wife is Rhonda Rudolf, the office administrator at our own Trinity Christian School.

He says, "I am retired, but I can't just sit around too much." He helps Randy Murphy with the upkeep of our Trinity Church property.

In his leisure time, he enjoys golfing, fishing, and weekend adventures in his Jeep.

Photos from the Rummage Sale

Our annual rummage sale was quite a success - approximately, \$3,000 dollars will help support our missionaries! Thank you to everyone who helped to make this year another success.





Join Us on July 6th for our Patriotic Barbecue

Immediately after the service, Trinity Church will hold its annual patriotic all-church barbeque and picnic in Williams Hall.

- **Volunteers are needed to set out food and clean up afterward and help on Saturday.** The deacons reserved Williams Hall on Saturday, July 5th, 9:00 a.m. to noon, to set up, decorate, and prepare condiment trays.
- **The congregation can bring side dishes, chips/salsa, and desserts.** The deacons will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, and beverages.
- **We will hold a dessert contest.** Contact Shirley or Melanie if you wish to test out your culinary skills and create sugar-drenched items: cakes, cookies, or pies, or to be a judge.
- **Our sister church, Covenant Reformed Church, will join us** and contribute their delicious food.
- **Activities for the kids will be available and patriotic music.**

Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to this fun-filled, family-friendly time of fellowship!

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