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## Words from Our Pastor | Into the Wilderness



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Exodus 15:22 • *Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the wilderness of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water.*

Matthew 4:1 • *Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.*

**W**e have been hearing sermons on Israel and the Exodus while also in the season of Lent, leading up to Easter

Sunday. Both Israel and Jesus have seasons in the wilderness. In both instances, each was led into the wilderness. They did not "get lost" and find themselves there. People they trusted who listened to God's will led them, and they

willingly followed their trusted leaders into the wilderness.

For some, the wilderness represents adventure. The idea of the unfamiliar excites, entices, and brings forth endless possibilities of what could be. For others, the wilderness signifies the strange and foreign. The unknown creates uncertainty, danger, and unpredictability. It is the same situation, but we interpret it in opposite ways.



I know many of us have been in these seasons of wilderness. We enter a season where we do not see how things will turn out, where we will end up, or what success looks like. I remember when Lydia and I entered a wilderness season that led to us leaving a ministry

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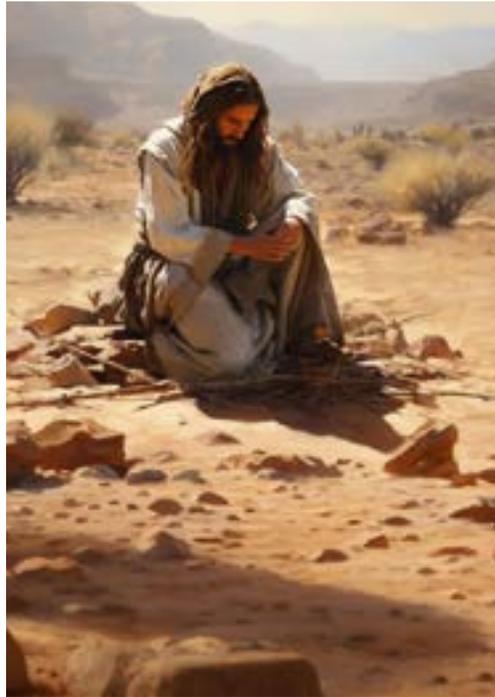
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behind and trying something new. It meant moving out of our home. I commuted to Los Angeles three days a week for three months, and we started a house church in our new apartment while I worked a few part-time jobs.

God led us, and we followed. We had no idea where this was going, what success looked like, or even how our provisions would be met. Years later, we can say that this wilderness season was one of growth, excitement, and, in the end, in a much better place than if we stayed where we were! I would argue that I would not be the pastor at Trinity Church if we did not take this journey!

Maybe you have felt stuck, and God has challenged you to trust him and enter the wilderness. The plans are not all clear, with no clear time frame or even



what will be the end result. Do you trust that God will lead you with care and confidence?

Maybe you are in the wilderness and desire to return to where you started. After all, Israel wanted to return to Egypt and slavery! Do you trust God that this season will lead you to growth, prosperity, and a better understanding of who God is and what God wants you to do as his disciple?

The Israelites reached the land God had promised them. Jesus fulfilled his ministry to completion and excellence. Do

you trust in God's promises for you, and that the wilderness God invites you into in order to follow him will bring you to a better place than you are today? Trust in God - he will lead you.

Pastor Brent Barclay

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## Youth Group | Proverbs and Love

Over February, we have been studying the book of Proverbs and exploring the different types of love for Valentine's Day. We specifically talked about godly wisdom, the type of wisdom Solomon wrote about in Proverbs, and how to apply it to our lives. For Valentine's Day, we played a balloon-popping game where we could "give a heart or break a heart" (all in good fun, of course). We discussed the history behind Valentine's Day and how it applied to the type of love displayed in Jesus' life. Please continue to pray for our youth group that these young men and women would know Christ and apply it to their lives.

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

Trinity Church's Children's Ministry has had an exciting month! We learned about Noah's family and God's promise to never flood the earth again, which registered with the children as we experienced stormy weather in San Diego. We have also started learning about Moses and God's powerful purpose for our lives. While celebrating Valentine's Day, we also created a paper chain of all the ways we can love God and different ways

God shows us love. There have been a few Sundays filled with sunshine where we have enjoyed playing on the playground! It has been a blessed month in our ministry. We continue to pray for more young families to join our congregation to grow our beautiful community.

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# Trinity Christian School | Celebrations Abound!

## Dad's Chapel

**D**ad's Chapel at Trinity Christian School (TCS) emerged as a heartfelt tribute, honoring fathers and unsung heroes while centering the gathering in a spirit of worship towards God. The chapel resonated with gratitude and reverence as we celebrated fathers for their unwavering support, guidance, and love. Through songs, skits, and prayer, the chapel was a beautiful time when we recognized fathers for their earthly roles and honored them for their wisdom in putting God first. There was profound gratitude for the role fathers play, shaping lives, and the overarching acknowledgment that true heroism often lies in the quiet, everyday acts of love and sacrifice. Dad's Chapel continues to be a meaningful intersection of familial appreciation and spiritual renewal, fostering community and unity among those present.

Dad's Chapel



## Daddy-Daughter Dance

The Daddy-Daughter Dance at TCS, themed “Love You to the Moon and Back,” was a gorgeous night of fun and fellowship. Williams Hall was transformed into a whimsical night sky adorned with shimmering stars and a mesmerizing moon, creating an enchanting atmosphere for the girls and their fathers. Fathers and daughters twirled under the soft glow of fairy lights and a disco ball. The dance floor echoed with laughter and the sweet sound of heartfelt conversations as fathers expressed their love for their daughters in myriad ways. The activities, themed decorations, and yummy treats reinforced the delightful ambiance. It was more than just a dance; it was a celebration of the special bond shared between fathers and daughters – a night where love soared to astronomical heights, leaving everyone with treasured memories of a truly stellar evening.

Daddy-Daughter Dance



## 100th Day of School

The 100th day of school at TCS was an exciting celebration, marking a milestone in the academic journey of students and educators alike. The school sizzled with excitement as students and teachers in creative costumes adorned with 100 items showcased their imaginative and artistic expressions. From colorful arrays of 100 buttons to inventive collections of 100 Lego pieces, the creativity knew no bounds. Several classes even allowed the children to dress as 100-year-old men and women. Spectacles, walkers, and gray hair consumed the classrooms as students engaged in educational games, counting exercises, and collaborative projects that reinforced mathematical concepts and highlighted the joy of learning. The day was punctuated with laughter, smiles, and a collective sense of achievement as the school

community came together to commemorate the 100th day in a spirit of camaraderie and academic accomplishment. It was a memorable day celebrating the progress made in the first half of the school year and the excitement that continued to fuel the educational journey ahead.

## Upcoming Serve-a-Thon

“Leap into Serving” with TCS as we launch the 2024 Serve-a-Thon! Whether you are able to give monetarily or give your time in interceding for the school, please consider contributing! Serving Day is March 7th, and KUSI is covering the event!

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100 Days



## Clippers



Ahoy Mates,

The Clipper Ship HMS Trinity plans a docking on March 16, 2024 at 12:45 p.m. for our potluck lunch and fellowship.

Our guest speaker will be Raul Palamino, the executive director of New Day Urban Ministries. He

plans to bring some surprise guests! This is a great opportunity to hear from our special focus for this month.

We will be hosting a continental breakfast after the sunrise Easter service held at 6:15 a.m. Come all you early birds!

Ya know: 'Clippers' is for all men and women at Trinity Church. We'd love to welcome you aboard.

Skipper Sue

# Trinity Church invites you!

## Good Friday

### March 29th, 5:30 p.m.

## EASTER • March 31st

### 6:15 & 9:30 a.m.

Sunrise • Outside

# Financial Update | How Are We Doing?

“He is sovereign over all circumstances.” Psalm 135:6

## Dear Trinity Church Family

Session approved the 2024 budget, and the members of Trinity Church approved an increase in Pastor Barclay’s compensation.

Since we printed the annual report, we have already received some additional financial pledges. Thank you, Father. We welcome your provision by any means.

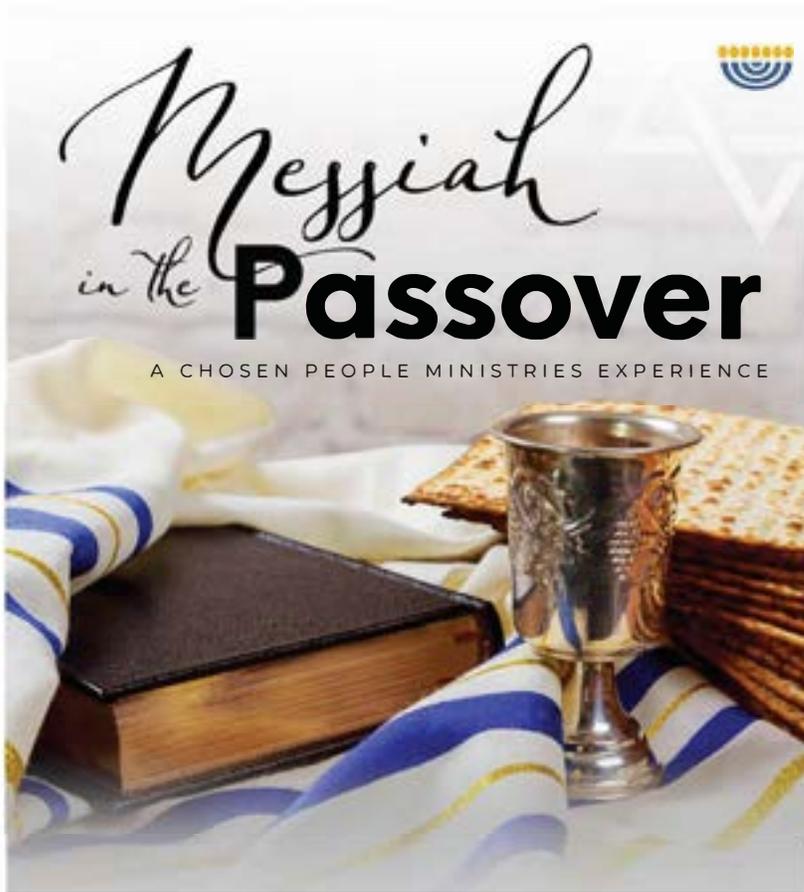
As you prepare your 2023 taxes, please let me know if you need a copy of your giving statement.

Also, if you donate through your IRA account, please remember to verify your name is on all donations given directly through your IRA account to Trinity Church.

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	January 2024 Final	Actual + Reserve	February 2024 (as of 2/18/2024)
<b>PROJECTED &amp; PLEDGED INCOME</b>	\$ 32,711.77		\$38,303.62
<b>ACTUAL INCOME RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$ 29,207.14</b>		<b>\$ 11,142.65</b>
<b>PROJECTED MINUS ACTUAL INCOME = RCVD DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>- \$ 3,504.63</b>		<b>- \$ 27,160.97</b>
<b>CURRENT EXPENSE ACTUAL</b>	\$ 47,190.04		\$ 20,123.52
<b>ADD RESERVES FROM DEDICATED</b>	<b>\$ 68,600.50</b>	<b>\$ 97,807.64</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ACTUAL INCOME &amp; RESERVES - ACTUAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 50,617.60</b>		<b>- \$ 8,980.87</b>

	Year to Date (as of 2/18/2024)	Actual + Reserve
<b>PROJECTED &amp; PLEDGED INCOME</b>	\$ 76,607.08	
<b>ACTUAL INCOME RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$ 40,349.79</b>	
<b>PROJECTED MINUS ACTUAL INCOME = RCVD DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>- \$ 36,257.29</b>	
<b>CURRENT EXPENSE ACTUAL</b>	\$ 67,313.56	
<b>ADD RESERVES FROM DEDICATED</b>	<b>\$ 68,600.50</b>	<b>\$ 108,950.29</b>
<b>TOTAL ACTUAL INCOME &amp; RESERVES - ACTUAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 41,636.73</b>	



# Messiah in the Passover

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Our most well-loved and requested presentation, this powerful visual demonstration tells not only the drama of Israel's freedom from slavery in Egypt, but also the beautiful story of redemption from the bondage of sin through the atoning work of Jesus.

**Tuesday, March 12, 2024**  
**5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**  
**in Williams Hall**  
**This is a Potluck**

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