

Words from Our Pastor | The Living Room Update



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Hey Everyone!

I know many of you are wondering about the future of the Living Room Service. I wanted to share with you an update on my thought process as we move forward this fall.

As I talked with God about it, I realized that the aspect that was flourishing the most for me was the youth involvement in leading the worship songs. I told Frank to move the youth

blessed this as youth got excited and brought family and friends into our worship service.

As I debriefed the Living Room, I concluded that the part that was not working at all was the table discussion time. If we designed the Living Room to be a way to invite families to attend church together and engage the children, it did not work. Families tried

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over to the Main Service during the summer as I process the future of the Living Room. As many of you have seen, God has run with this and

it, and never came back. The service was just too "different" for them, even if I still see the benefits of people around tables.

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So, my conclusions about what to do moving forward were:

1. Preach a similar sermon at both services;
2. Preach a different sermon at both services; and
3. Go back to one service with some of the best elements of the Living Room integrated into it.

Preaching a similar sermon at both was not an option. That would create a choice of services, divide the church, and make for two small services.

Preaching two different services would bring back the original idea of two services that complemented each other, and not making people choose one

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over the other, but at the expense of exhausting me preparing two different sermons a week.

That leads me to the third option, the one I am choosing. Seeing how God blessed our church this summer with the youth being involved and the passion coming from our church gave me a vision of a path forward. I see a worship service where different generations worship together in a blended service of praise songs and hymns,

and I can see it happening. We already saw how the youth became involved, and now we will bring the choir back into the service.

Blessings,
Pastor Brent Barclay

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Children's Ministry | Summer Fun!

Con-tent: Are we happy with what we have? This summer, we learned all about contentment and how God gives us what we need, yet not always what we want and when we want it. First, we looked at Psalm 23 and Psalm 100 - how with the Lord as our Good Shepherd, we have all that we need. Then, in Exodus 16, we saw how God provided the manna for the Israelites (or, in our case, Honey-Nut Cheerios) and God provides for us, too. Lastly, we read in Matthew 6 how God cares for the lilies of the field and how much more he takes care of us! Each child had the opportunity to make a small flower arrangement to remind us of his love.

To put this attitude into practice, we created Gratitude journals to write in at home and postcards to send to family or friends telling them we are

thankful for them. Lastly, we made mini paper tents with the words "con-tent" as a constant reminder of how God wants our hearts to be trusting in him as our good, good Father.

At the end of summer, we had the best party ever with cupcakes and balloons, and we learned how God invites each of us to be with him forever in heaven. What a gracious gift!

May God continue to transform these hearts to be content and choose to follow him wholeheartedly for themselves.

PS: We are thankful for our amazing volunteers who make Sunday school happen each week: Kya Taylor, Helen Hansen, and Muriel Johnson!

Lydia Barclay

Interim Children's Ministry Director



Trinity Christian School | A New School Year Begins!

As the new school year approaches, we are excited to see how God will work in our school community. We look forward to the 2025-2026 school year and all God has planned.

Theme for the 2025-2026 School Year

Our theme verse for the year is Colossians 3:12-14. "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you have a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."

We are focusing particularly on respect this year, and what it means to respect God with all these characteristics showing in our lives.

New Staff

We are pleased to welcome new staff members to the Trinity Christian School (TCS) team. We look forward to seeing how God works through them this year.

Lindsay Gonzales is joining the Trinity Christian School team as the new school principal. She has thirty years of classroom experience and believes deeply in the God-given potential within every child and is passionate about helping each child find their purpose and identity in Christ.

Sandra Martinez is joining Lindsay in the administrative office as associate principal. She has over ten years of leadership experience working with children and families and is walking in obedience to her new calling at TCS.



Above: The new TCS Principal, Lindsay Gonzales at left with her two sons. Sandra Martinez, our new Associate Principal, is at right with her two sons.



Staff return to their classrooms. Above: The preschool staff prepare for school to start. Below: Teachers meet together before classes begin.



Paige Brakebill joins TCS as our new kindergarten teacher



At left, Joshua Edwards is our new music teacher.



Paige Brakebill is joining the Trinity Christian School Team as our new kindergarten teacher. Paige has a bachelor's degree and multiple subject teaching credentials. This will be her second year working in a kindergarten class. She is excited to see how the Lord will move within the classroom and school.

Our new music teacher will be Joshua Edwards. As Joshua has connected with more members of the TCS family, he's been amazed at the faces he recognizes and experiences he already shares with so many. He commented, "This community already feels like home." He believes God has perfectly orchestrated this opportunity, and he's excited to teach, inspire, and guide students toward the Lord —especially through one of his greatest passions, music.

Grace VanNortwick will return as our middle school English teacher, and Jackie Gonzalez will move into our Spanish teacher position. Stephanie Jones, Sherrie Murphy, and Stephanie Jones as classroom aides.

We are also so excited to welcome 23 new students this year.

School Work Party

On August 23rd, we had our annual TCS Work Party, where school families and staff came together to pray and get some special work projects done around the campus. Families cleaned off and

cleared the running track to prepare for P.E., cleaned behind the P.E. sheds, fluffed and leveled the preschool and lower playground sand, and cleaned tables and chairs. We had so many families, we had extra time to clear brush and trees from the embankment off the parking lot. It was a beautiful day full of hard work, blessings, and fellowship.

Staff Return

The office staff worked diligently, preparing for staff return on September 25th. Everyone is so excited to be back on campus and is working hard on getting their classrooms ready for children to come back on September 3rd.

September/October Events

September 2nd, we officially kick off the beginning of the school year with our PTF barbecue, then all the students will be in class on September 3rd.

September 9th will be our back-to-school night.

On October 8th-10th, our seventh- and eighth-grade students will go to Catalina.

October 10th is our annual Hoe Down in Williams Hall.

We appreciate your prayers and support with all these changes and look forward to partnering with Trinity Church to further the Kingdom of God.

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Beautification Day - Our school work party was a beautiful day of hard work, blessings, and fellowship.

Clippers



Ahoy mates!

Trinity Clippers is up and running for the year with two exciting and interesting programs in September and October.

On Saturday, September 20th, our own Linda Hensley will bring her testimony in word and music. Pastor Brent will speak on the State of the Church on Saturday, October 18th. These are two programs you will not want to miss.

Bring your potluck item (main dish, side or dessert) and plan to enjoy a delicious meal and fellowship. Setup is at 12:45 p.m. and the meal is at 1:00 p.m., with our program to follow. Bring a guest! We meet in Williams Hall.

October 13th begins the Immerse Project Bible Study on the Prophets. Meet in Ward Center at 9:30 a.m. The facilitators are Linda Hensley, Sue Walters, and Shirley Woodson.

Yer trusty first mate,
Melanie Plett

Communications Update | New Press Schedule

As you may have noticed from the front of this newsletter, our schedule for the Press newsletter has changed. From now on, the Press will come out on a bi-monthly basis - every two months. Expect to see the next newsletter by

the first week in November. We hope you will continue to find this newsletter informative and helpful.

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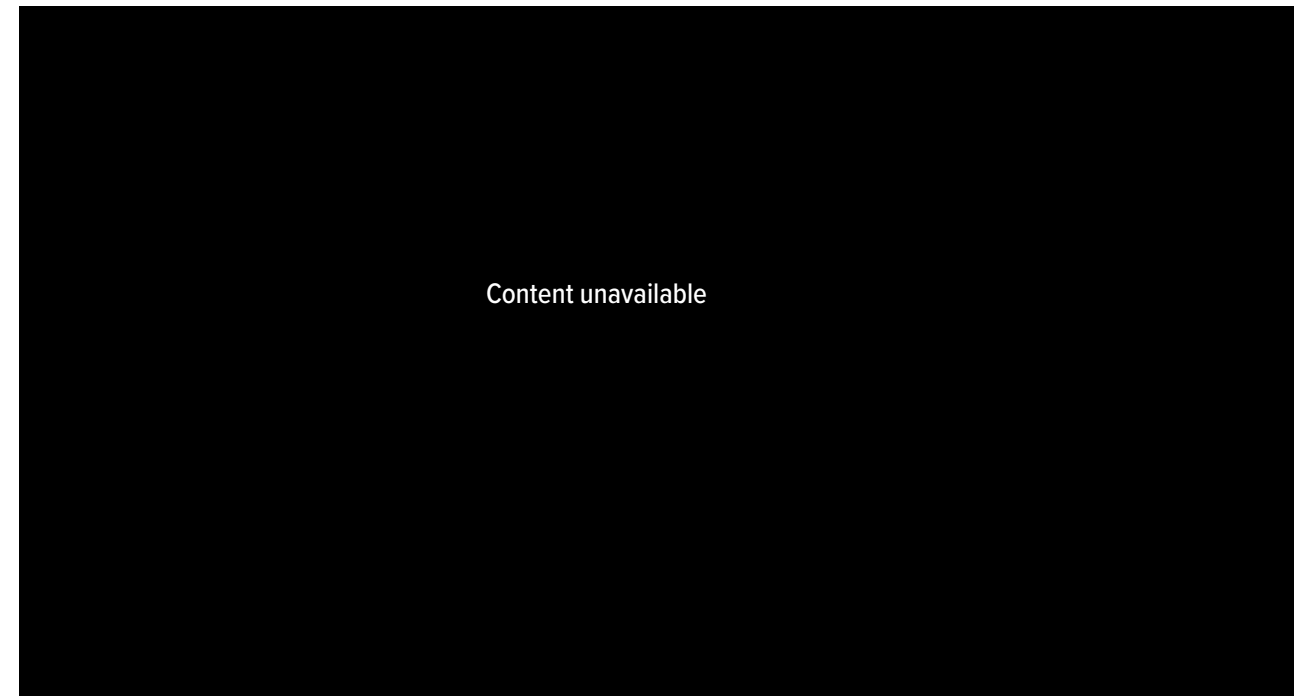
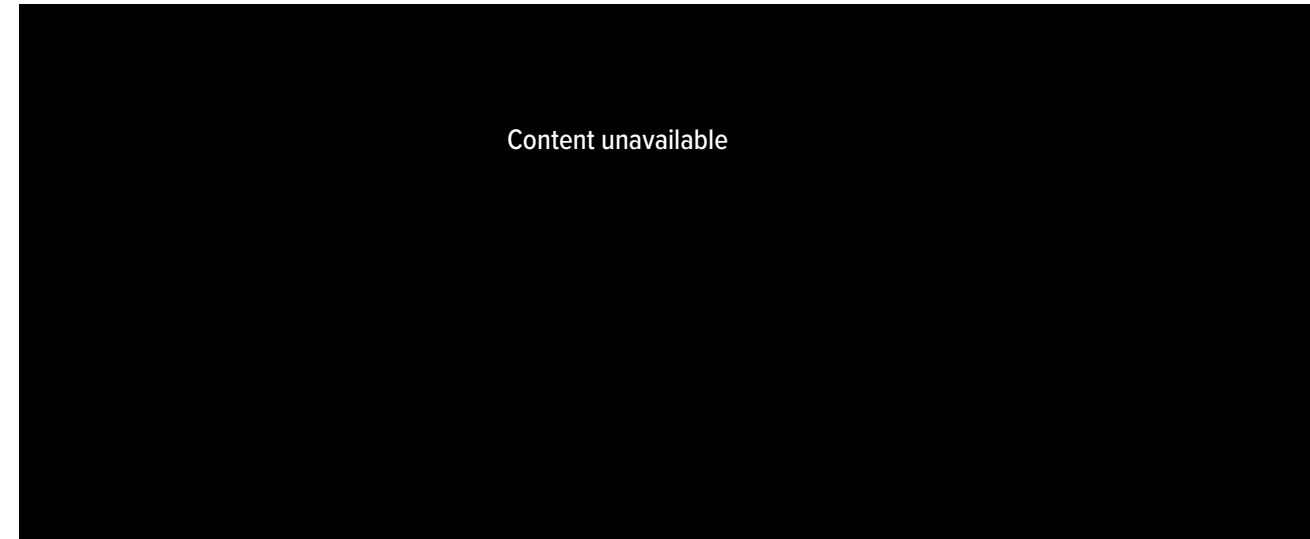
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Summer Update | Our Trinity Church Worship Changes

We had a wonderful summer of worship at Trinity Church. The Independence Day worship service began with the flags and songs of all the military branches.

Then, the Youth Worship Team joined the main service. Beginning with a handful of singers from the Living Room service, the Youth Worship

Team grew to a dozen or so youth ranging from elementary to college students. God blessed us all with their energy and spirit, bringing a freshness to the Trinity Church worship experience. Thank you to Frank Amador, our worship director, for encouraging these young people to sing for Jesus.



Trinity Church's Fall Festival

Saturday, November 1st and Sunday, November 2nd

It is not too early to be planning for Fall Festival, the first weekend in November! Whether you are bringing a creative art or craft item, or food, or just plan to come and enjoy fellowship and spend some money, we welcome your support!

If you are making jams and jellies or donating fruit to Ardis Rowland, be sure to get it to her in plenty of time.

Homemade cookies, candy, and fudge are great sellers.

Do your Christmas shopping at our Fall Festival too!
All proceeds go to Trinity Church missions.

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