

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. I Peter 4:10

Romans 12:11

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

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LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO SERVE?

Please consider these ministries and opportunities and those listed in the bulletin. For questions, or for more information contact the director of the

"Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all." 2 Thessalonians 3:16

"Therefore encourage one another, and build up one another, just as you also are doing." I Thessalonians 5:11 NASB



THE ENCOURAGER



Trinity Baptist Church Monthly Newsletter
March 2024

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.



THROUGH JESUS' RESURRECTION,
WE'VE BEEN GIVEN A
Living Hope
THAT ANCHORS OUR SOULS
EVEN IN THE MOST DIFFICULT SEASONS.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him,
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13



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SHOULD CHANGE TAKE A LONG TIME?

“If God is involved, change should not take a long time.” That statement resonates with me. However, it is not always true and it is not as simple as it seems.

I introduce this concept because of the recently recognized TBC Vision statement. This statement is a picture when what we, as a church, believe that we should become. It is an expression of the areas that the Lord would have us grow. It is a description of the changes that the Lord would have us to make. This included but was not limited to significant changes in worship, devotions, discipleship, Gospel proclamation. Leadership and prayer. As we codified this statement, we were having in mind change over the next 5-10 years.

Does God want us to change? Certainly He does. Maybe we do not like the word ‘change’. We can use the word ‘grow’ if that is easier. But growth means change! But consider: If He is involved and it is His will, is it reasonable to expect that it should take ten years to get there? I think that we should consider a couple of examples from Scripture to help us answer that question.

Jesus went out of His way to help the disciples understand that the Gospel that He was bringing applied equally to the Gentiles as well as the Jews. Several of the most compelling stories about Jesus center around His ministry with Gentiles (e.g. the Samaritan woman; the demoniac; Jairus’ son; the Syro-Phoenician woman, the feeding the four thousand; etc.). Jesus taught the disciples the expansive extent of the Gospel throughout His earthly ministry. Yet, it is a fair assessment that they did not get it until at least Acts 15, at the Jerusalem council, decades after Jesus started dealing with this problem. Jesus was the perfect teacher, yet the problem took decades to solve, and maybe longer.

Consider another example: From the scene with golden calf onward, the Jewish people had a huge problem with idol worship. God sent priests and prophets to help people overcome idolatry. He worked through geopolitical forces to teach Israel that He alone was God. Over hundreds of years, God worked on this problem, finally solving it through the seventy-year captivity. While the Jews were far from perfect after the captivity, idol worship was never again the national sin it used to be.

Some challenges/problems are so big that it may take years or decades to solve them. If you can, take a step away from your current situation and look with a bird’s eye view of your life. I suspect

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BELIEVERS FELLOWSHIP ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Believers Fellowship will have our regular potluck meal as well as election of a new president at noon on Thursday, March 21st. Bring a main dish, salad or dessert for the potluck.

Guest speakers - Mike and Mona Parks.

If you would like to run for the position of president or have some suggestions or nominations for the position, please contact John Forester at 509-879-6829
Everyone is welcome!!

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

08 Everette & Fern Murrish
11 Rich & Joy Olsen

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

01 Elaine Rehms
04 Mathias Measor
04 Henry Porter
08 Traci Leppert
08 Ellie Donaldson
16 Lou Herman
21 Dave Murphy
21 Ingenica Weers
22 Mark Reilly
22 Darlene Bilger
23 Fern Murrish
23 Tracy Resser
23 Carli Smith
25 Chris Shaunessy



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

07 Dan & Nancy Langan
07 Kirk & Tracy Resser
15 Dave & Traci Leppert
19 Mike & Pam Denby
21 Dave & Heidi Murphy



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

07 Linda Baldwin
07 Kathie Foerster
08 Marianne Lathrop
08 Kady Langan
11 Bette Chimienti
12 Kathy Johnson
13 Pam Beasley
15 Carla Barker
16 Emil Anisimov
18 Gary Blake
19 Pam Short
23 Dale Kohler
24 Heidi Murphy



Jean Shull

Saturday, March 9, 2024
1:00pm
Trinity Baptist Church

Reception to follow in the gym

WATER DAMAGE UPDATE

On January 16, 2024, our pipes in the church froze and broke. By the time we discovered the break, there was about 16 inches of water in the furnace room behind the Fireside room. Water had leaked from there all the way to the bathrooms on the far side of the basement. Although most of the basement had less than 3 inches of water, it was enough water to get to almost all the drywall in the basement and to all of the flooring in the basement. Drywall wicks up water, so all of the almost all drywall is damaged. Water got under the flooring and under the asbestos tiling underneath.

The following work will need to be done (or is being done):

- 1) Water removed from basement (**complete**)
- 2) Broken water pipes repaired (**complete**)
- 3) Elevator needs to be inspected (**complete**)
- 4) Damaged items need to be catalogued and removed (**complete**)
- 5) Secure approval from insurance for repairs (ongoing, but favorable so far)
- 6) All items need to be removed from basement And stored during repairs (complete)
- 7) Basement needs to be dried (**complete**)
- 8) Asbestos abatement needs to be done to remove flooring and 2 feet of drywall (complete)
- 9) Replacement of numerous items (about to be scheduled)
 - a. New flooring installed
 - b. New drywall installed
 - c. Painting
 - d. Stored items returned

Best case scenario is that the basement will be available by mid-April.

It appears that the insurance will cover most of the expenses which will be well into six figures. Our out-of-pocket anticipated liability should be about \$5k which includes our deductible and the plumbing bill.

With the asbestos abatement complete, the basement is semi-usable until the repair work starts (which will be 3-4 weeks). Sunday School and Ladies Bible Study will be in the basement until the work starts.

Philippians 3:12-16 NIV

“ Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do:

Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently that too God will make clear to you. Only let us live up to what we have already attained.”

WELCOME TO THE TBC LIBRARY

Did you know Trinity has a lending library next to the foyer? There is an assortment of fiction and non-fiction books for adults and children. Feel free to borrow the books, then return them to the Book Drop basket when you are finished with them. No check-out procedure is required.

The coffee service is now located in the library, so take the opportunity to browse the collection while enjoying your coffee.

FREE FOOD MOBILE MART

Tuesday, March 12, 2024
1:00pm – 3:00pm
West Central Community Center
1603 N Belt St

that there are a number of big changes that God has made in your life, but those changes took place over a span of years.

The point of this article is not to say that everything has to move slowly, but that sometimes problems take years to solve even when everyone involved is doing the right things.

As we consider the opportunity to grow in the areas mentioned in the vision statement, at first blush, some of them seem simple. We just need to do it. We should be able to just make a decision today and everything will change. There may be some for whom this is true. There may be a watershed decision to make. However, for many, there are decades of issues to overcome. These may include pride, fear, shame, worldliness, ineptitude, or a lack of faith in God's presence or His love for us. We may not even realize that we have some of these barriers. Spiritual solutions often take time. There is a heart change that is needed for most of us.

The Spirit is working in our church. I am sure that we would all like to see changes happen faster, but as I visit and talk with many of you, I sense a growing excitement about what the Lord is doing in people's lives. People are seeking opportunities to serve and grow in the Lord. By God's grace, we are trying to come along side of the work that the Spirit is doing in our hearts and in our lives. Let's us seek to move forward and grow, but may we also be patient to wait on the Lord.

Pastor Blaine Donaldson.

COLLEGE AND CAREER

We have seen some new people come to College and Career. Through life changes, we have had several people leave the ministry (some have moved or babied-out). But the Lord has been so good to us by adding some new people. We are so grateful. Thank you for praying. There is room for more. Do you know someone who would be served well in a small group to make Christian friends and get to know the Lord better? Encourage them to join us Monday evenings for a meal, some fun and a time exploring how God speaks to us today through His Word.

MEOW GROUPS

The MEOW groups are continuing to meet on Thursdays and Sundays. Please let pastor Blaine know if you would like to join a group.



GLOBAL OUTREACH
PARTNER OF THE MONTH
David and Catherine Love
Germany
WorldVenture Global

David is the Director of Short-Term and Community Center Initiatives for WorldVenture. He has been leading the M2M Network, a group of people committed to reaching refugees and immigrants (primarily Muslims) through community center outreach in strategic European cities. Additionally David leads the global short-term programs which facilitate the sending of hundreds of short-termers, interns, and apprentices (some of whom have become long-term workers).

Catherine serves as the pre-field training coordinator and as a mentor to WorldVenture appointees who are preparing to serve around the world. She has trained and mentored more than 100 long-term workers over the past four years. We are passionate about mobilizing people for the harvest through short-term trips, internships, coaching and mentoring.

A Season of Grief and Joy

The past few months and the next couple of weeks are a mixture of joy and sadness. While we are waiting expectantly for our 2nd grandchild to be born in the next week or so, we are keeping vigil as our beloved father, grandpa, and great grandpa, Percy Kooshian is in his final days here on earth.

While we are saddened to see him in this stage of life, we have so many great memories including celebrating his 90th birthday together in Oregon back in November.

Please pray for:

A healthy baby to be born to our daughter Kailyn and her husband Daniel. Pray also for our granddaughter, Lydia's, adjustment to having a new baby around.

Catherine and family as they adjust to the homegoing of her father.

Thank God for his life and all the people he has led to the Lord and ministered to over his decades of pastoral ministry. There will be hundreds of people joining him in heaven someday because of the Lord's blessing on his ministry.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

March

Sundays - Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.
 Church Service - 10:30 a.m.
Mondays - College & Career - 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday - 12th, 19th & 26th -
 Women's Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
Wednesdays - Awana - 6:30 p.m.
Thurs. 21st - Believers Fellowship - Noon

OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Blaine's formal office hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. He is delighted to meet with you any time that he is available during or outside of office hours.

The office will be open Monday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. (8:30 a.m. Mondays) to 2:30 p.m.

SUNDAY SERVICE

The live-stream link will be available on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkw43Ipq7iK0TPdAGXPfSw/live>
 There is generally about 20 minutes of prelude music before the service.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

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Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”
Mark 11:24

PRAYER REMINDERS

Langan & Shull families - Comfort in the passing of Jean Shull
Oletha Jernigan - Comfort in the passing of sister Phylstice
Leona McAuley - Father Leonard's health decline
Kathy Weers - Suffering from back pain
Dan and Connie Conlon (former members) - Treatment for Dan's esophageal cancer
Elaine Rehms - Needs energy and strength
Kat DeJong - On-going health challenges
Dee Hibbler - Treatment for A-Fib
Lisa Murphy - Continued healing of broken collar bone from fall
Mark Johnson - Healing for health issues
Paige Resser - Treatment plan based on recent tests
Tim and Kady Langan - Praise they obtained a van, their baby to be born this spring

PRAYER CHAIN

Please call Marlene Hollman at 509-328-7414, or send an e-mail to:

trinityspokane.prayer@gmail.com

with your requests and praises. Your request will be e-mailed to the church family. Those without e-mail will be notified by phone through the phone prayer chain.

PRAISE FOR CANCER PATIENTS

Denise Johnson, Lori Hansen, Elaine Rehms, Kathy Johnson, Diane Fiedler and Lori Hansen