

*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*

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Marianne Lathrop Meals  
Traci Leppert Secretary  
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Children's Sunday School Pam Short  
Nursery Coordinator Peggy Miller  
Children's Church Lily Yapp  
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Vacation Bible School Lily Yapp  
Carol Blake

#### **ADULT MINISTRIES**

Adult Sunday School Mark Lewis  
Believers Fellowship Mike Parks & John Foerster  
Men's Ministries Blaine Donaldson  
College & MEOG Groups  
Women's Ministries Lorraine Crouch

#### **THE ENCOURAGER STAFF**

Peggy Miller  
Carol Blake

#### **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 ministry

*"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

February 2025

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.



TWDAU

Jeremiah 31:3

## **HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**

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# **IT'S COMFORTABLE HERE**

After their deliverance from Egypt through the parting of the Red Sea, the people of Israel wandered in the wilderness for forty years. During this time, almost all of the people over twenty (when they crossed the Red Sea) died. A new generation of Jews has grown up to take their place. They were led by Joshua, who was a man of great faith. Joshua would lead most of the people of Israel into the land of promise. Shortly before they came to the banks of the Jordan river, God had given Israel great victories over two very powerful enemies. These were enemies who are on the east side of the Jordan river. This east side of the Jordan river, was not part of the land promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. In Joshua 12, we read about Israel defeating Og, the king of Bashan, and Sihon, king of the Amorites.

What is significant about this scene is that 2 1/2 of the tribes of Israel requested to stay outside of the land of promise in the land of Og and Sihon. Ruben, Gad and 1/2 of the tribe of Manasseh. Moses granted their request.

We are not told explicitly why they stayed on the east side of the Jordan river, outside of the land of promise. I think they were driven by comfort and fear. The land has already been subdued. It is good land, at least comparing it to the desert they've lived in the last 40 years. They were worried that conquering the land on the West side of the Jordan would be very difficult. Though we can note that they did pledge to send armies to help the rest of Israel conquer the land. That promise was really not fulfilled. They sent a pittance of their army, while most of the soldiers stayed home.

For these 2 1/2 tribes, I think they were more concerned with their comfort than they were with following the Lord in the path that He was opening up before them. I think this is a really easy thing to do. When we think about change, especially when we're older, we get tired. New challenges are for the young. Conquering new territory is what we did when we were younger. It's hard to think about starting into those kind of struggles again. Sometimes, we'd rather just stay where we are. We'd rather just have things stay the same.

The decision that these 2 1/2 tribes made ended up being catastrophic for them. They were always separate from the rest of the people of God. There was much misunderstanding and mistrust grew between the two and a half tribes and the rest of the tribes of Israel. They had a very difficult time in maintaining their relationship with the Lord because they were

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*Friday, February 14th  
6:30-8:30 P.M.  
\$15.00 Per Person  
Catered dinner with  
special music  
Tickets can be purchased  
at church on the following  
Sundays, Feb. 2nd and  
Feb. 9th*

## **MISSIONS TEAM**

Missions Team meeting  
Sunday, Feb. 9th  
Right after  
church service  
All members please plan  
to attend.

## **FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 04 Kaylin Leppert
- 04 Beryl Fitzpatrick
- 06 Gene Hansen
- 21 Betty Iverson
- 22 Lori Hansen
- 23 John Corigliano



### **MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

- 08 Everett & Fern Murrish
- 11 Rich & Joy Olsen



### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

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



### **PROVERBS 3:5-6**

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
and lean not on your own  
understanding;  
In all your ways acknowledge Him,  
And He shall direct your paths.*

## **WOMEN'S MINISTRY VALENTINE EVENT**

Valentine Cookie Exchange  
Saturday, February 8th  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Bring 2 dozen cookies in a zip  
lock bag for exchange.  
A light lunch will be served.

We will enjoy some of the  
cookies during the event and  
everyone will take home a dozen  
cookies.

Come and join the fun and see  
who the REAL Cookie Monster  
is!



**SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE FOYER**

### **ENCOURAGER DEADLINE**

All articles and information for  
the March Encourager  
must be in the office by  
Wednesday, February 26th.

## **Game Night**

Every third Friday of the month  
Fireside Room  
6:00 p.m.

Bring a snack to share and your  
own beverage.

February Game Night will be  
February 21st  
Everyone's welcome!!

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### **TRINITY SINGLES**

Trinity Singles meet on  
February 22nd this month.  
(last Saturday of the month) at  
6:00 p.m.

We will meet in the Fireside  
Room for a movie and possibly  
some board games.

Bring a snack to share and  
your own beverage.

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### **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Saturday, February 15th  
8:00 a.m.

In the Fireside room  
Sign-up sheet in the foyer

separated from the Tabernacle and eventually the temple. They were the first to get conquered when the Babylonians came.

Right around this time their leader over the last 40 years, Moses died. Joshua would take over. He and Caleb led the charge in the place of Moses. Do you know how old these men were? They were about 85. They were looking excitedly at the opportunity to follow the Lord wherever he led them. They were not looking to check out. They were not looking to retire. They were not looking to relax, but perhaps you could say they were looking to rest in the Lord as they walked with the Lord wherever the Lord led.

I know for some of you as you look ahead to this merger, you think there's going to be a lot of change. That there's going to be a struggle getting used to things being different. But if this is the path that the Lord is taking us on, sure there may be some struggles, but they are exciting struggles. It is always better to walk the path the Lord lays out before us, whether it appears to be an easy path, or whether it appears to be a hard path. If it's the Lord's path, it's the right path. Because that's where the Lord is leading us. And that is where he will go with us.

*Pastor Blaine Donaldson.*

### **MEOW GROUPS**

The winter season of MEOWs is in full swing. We are looking at studies on Haggai, Colossians and Philippians. We have groups planned for Thursday and Sunday afternoons. Would you be interested in joining a Saturday early evening group? Please see pastor Blaine if you are.

### **COLLEGE AND CAREERS**

College and Careers is continuing. We have seen some growth. Thank you for praying. We meet for a home cooked meal together and fellowship around the Word.

### **YOUTH MINISTRY**

We are meeting most Wednesdays and we are walking through the book of Matthew. We are very small, but we are building strong mentoring relationships. Pray that God will add people to our numbers, but we trust the Lord to do His will. Maybe smaller goes deeper.



## GLOBAL OUTREACH PARTNERS OF THE MONTH

*Chuck and Danita  
Lovelady*

Chuck and Danita Lovelady are based at Timpanogos Baptist Church of Lehi, Utah, through Missions Door. They are the parents of four adult children.

### Family

We enjoy our time with our granddaughter, Rosie (5 months old). Danita watches her a couple days a week. Please pray for Bethany and Mitch as they adjust to working and parenting. Our second granddaughter, Esther, was just born January 8th. Please pray for Neidymar and Nathaniel as they adjust to parenthood. Please join Natalie and Samuel as they pray through their post graduation plans as Samuel completes his ThM at Dallas Theological Seminary next fall. Benjamin has been dating Daphne. Pray for the Lord to give them wisdom as their relationship progresses.

### Building Update

I recently received a call from the city facilities manager regarding the use of our building by the Lehi Arts Council as a practice venue for their orchestra. The Lehi Literacy Center is also anticipating using the building to start a math tutoring program. Please pray for our wisdom in supporting the community when I am approached by community leaders.

### Church Family

We've returned to the pre-covid tendency of having more visitors in the fall. A solid believer, Gary, has been attending for a few weeks. We also had a home Bible study group visit. They are apparently looking for a church home. Pray for them to discern where the Lord wants them to be. Pray that the Lord sends us willing workers.

### Zoom Prayer Times in 2025

I will be mailing out links to our Zoom prayer meetings about two or three weeks ahead of time. Please consider joining us. The focus will be to continue to pray for workers in the harvest.

**The next prayer time is Monday, February 3 at 8:00 p.m. Mountain time.**

Meeting ID: 856 8092 3051

Passcode: 086763

Please see the newsletter in the foyer for the Invite Link.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

## FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS

**Sundays** - Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.  
Church Service - 10:30 a.m.  
**Mondays** - College & Career - 6:30 p.m.  
**Tuesdays** - 11th, 18th, 25th  
Ladies Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.  
**Wednesdays** - Awana - 6:30 p.m.  
**Thursday 20th** - 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/UCkw43Ipg7iKOTPdAGXPfSw/live>

There is generally about 20 minutes of prelude music before the service.

### PRAYER CHAIN

Please call Marlene Hollman at 509-328-7414, or send an e-mail to: [Trinityspokane.prayer@gmail.com](mailto: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.

*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

**Sally Hixson** - Recovery from knee replacement  
**Jim Muramatsu** - Recovery from back surgery  
**Kathie Foerster** - Successful treatment for rash  
**Jerry Kuzanah** - Healing of serious skin condition  
**Mona Parks** - Diagnosis for pain  
**Traci Leppert** - Father's cancer treatments to be successful and biopsies be clear.  
**Chris Corigliano** - Ear surgery in mid February  
**George Stevens' family** - Comfort in death of George  
**Pat Hagle's family** - Comfort in death of Pat  
**Garry Ratliff's family** - Comfort in death of Garry  
**Terri Krogh** - Prayers for strength & stability  
**Varhall family (Redemption)** - Family separation, DJ away from home for naval training, family missing DJ  
**Oletha Jernigan** - Recovery from a fall  
**Camden Smith** - Treatment plan for health issues  
**Richard and Joy Olsen** - Complete recovery and strength building after being hospitalized  
**Tobias Measor** - Successful pain treatment  
**Mary Ann Ballard** - Healing of eye infection  
**Diane Bilger** - Praise for successful surgery  
**Kirk Resser** - Recovery from nasal surgery  
**Kathy Johnson** - Praise for successful surgery  
**Chris Shaunessy** - Praise for successful surgery  
**Linda Baldwin** - Praise for successful surgery  
**Debbie Eychner** - Praise for a job and new living arrangements

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