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 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

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*"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 2023**

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

*Happy Valentine's Day*



And now abide  
 faith, hope, love,  
 these three; but  
 the greatest of  
 these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13

*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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## **THE POWER OF STORY**

*Matthew 13:34 All these things Jesus spoke to the multitude in parables; and without a parable He did not speak to them.*

“Always tell the truth because if you don’t, people will not believe you when it is really important.” I think that most of us know this lesson. I expect that we have all meticulously been taught it, but not in that form. Rather, we were taught about The Boy who Cried Wolf. To tell that story takes about two to five minutes, yet the point is solely what this paragraph opened with. Would it not be easier to just state the point?

Why do we teach our children through stories? Surely it would be faster to just get to the point. However, it would be far less effective. We teach in stories because we want to inculcate beliefs or values. Straightforward point-based teaching is often the least effective means to influence values and beliefs. There is a large part of me that wants to reject this truism. Personally, I have tried to allow logic and straightforward argument to govern my values and beliefs. For many years, I have used logical argumentation as my primary means of influence. However, for most people today, this thinking dramatically limited my influence.

Most values are obtained and formed through not just the intellect, but also the emotions and the imagination. The story of the boy who cried wolf informs at all three levels. My initial statement only informs the intellect. It is therefore a less effective tool for influencing values. Many people know this intuitively, and Jesus certainly did. Jesus was continually telling stories, illustrations or parables.

We have just finished the Christmas season, and we find that more people come to church this time of year than any other. The second most common time for church attendance is around Resurrection Sunday. Have you ever wondered why? In part, it is because these are the seasons of our best stories. The birth of Jesus and His death and resurrection are evocative stories. I am not saying that everyone who comes to church understands, but there is something about the stories that draws them.

Stories are powerful in society. I could mention the Tortoise and the Hare; the Ant and the Grasshopper; Androcles (the

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### **Women’s Retreat “IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL”**

Come and enjoy fun and fellowship in a beautiful country setting at Thompson’s country Haven Farm Event Center  
205 W. Chattaroy Road, Colbert, WA 99005

Saturday, March 11, 2023,  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Guest speaker will be Carolyn Underhill from South Hill Bible Church.

Breakfast, lunch, and snacks included.

No cost

There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer.

**Cancelations must be made at least one week before March 11<sup>th</sup>.**

(Please no children)

*Psalm 139:14  
I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, and my soul knows it very well.”*

### **FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

09 Tom & Lonni Hillman

### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

04 Kaylin Leppert  
04 Deannie Binsfield  
04 Beryl Fitzpatrick  
06 Gene Hansen  
14 Nathalie Measor  
21 Betty Iverson  
22 Lori Hansen  
23 John Corigliano  
25 Joyce Brant



### **BELIEVERS FELLOWSHIP**

Thursday, February 16th  
noon in the Fireside room.

Our own Tom Hillman will speak on Religion and Science. Come and enjoy great food and fellowship!

### **QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING**

**Sunday February 19th right  
after the service**



## Awana News

The **Awana Grand Prix** is on Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> in Trinity's Gym. Everyone is invited to come and watch the excitement .

I ask again those of you in Trinity's congregation who are crafty to come to the aid of The AWANA Clubbers. We form an AWANA Pit Crew to help with saws and sanders to aid in the process of building cars. The Grand Prix cut out night is Wednesday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> and the pit crew Day is Saturday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>. If you fit this category and are willing to SERVE HIM in this event for AWANA please let me know.

The **Awana Games** will take place on March 25<sup>th</sup>. This is a team event. Tentative practice dates are Saturday morning March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Awana's Got Talent show night** will be held on April 19<sup>th</sup>. A hot dog dinner will be on sale which helps supports a missionary. This is a fun night for the Awana Clubbers to showcase the talents that they have so they can have an opportunity to perform for parents and family.

Thank you to everyone who has helped and continues to help out during these Awana events.



## VALENTINE BANQUET

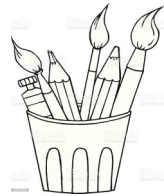
Friday, February 10, 2023  
6:30 - 8:30 pm - \$15.00 per person

### Special Music

Ben Klein, International Tribute Artist,  
and Family

### Menu

Garlic & Herb Pan Fried Chicken Breast  
Roasted Vegetables  
Onion Roasted Red Potatoes  
Rolls and butter  
Garden Green Salad - Parmesan  
Croutons & Dressing on the side  
Cookie assortment



## TRINITY QUILTERS

The Trinity Quilters are working on items for a craft bazar planned for next fall. Not all items will be quilts. They are working on various craft projects.

So if you are crafty but not necessarily a quilter, bring your craft talents and join the fun the first Tuesday of every month, 9:30 am in the Fireside room.

mouse) and the Lion; Jonah and the whale; or the Gift of the Magi. Each of these stories espouse different values and they are very effective at communicating those values – not just at the intellectual level, but also at the emotional or imaginative levels.

Stories ... so often they stick with us, they shape who we are, they inspire us to be better than we are. It is notable that facts often state what we need, but stories seem to connect with our hearts in a way that facts alone can never do.

How does this truth help us? Think about what God has done in your life over the years. Think about the specific situations that you have gone through. Tell those stories. Tell them to you neighbors. Tell them to your kids and grandkids. Tell the stories that display the goodness, the grandeur, the love, the compassion of God in your stories. Glorify God by telling God's story in your life.

*Pastor Blaine Donaldson*

## COLLEGE AND CAREER

The College and Career group is continuing but changing. One of our couples are having a baby, another couple just got engaged. We are hoping to add some others soon as well. We are not sure what our group will look like into the future, but we are excited about what the Lord has in store.

We have a home cooked meal together then we open the Bible together. We are continuing to talk through a video series on the attributes of God. We are so blessed to break bread and open the word with several young seekers and believers.

## MEOW GROUPS

Meeting **Every Other Week**

The MEOW groups are continuing. If you have not joined a MEOW group, now is a great time to sign up. Our groups meet every other week. We listen to each other and grow together. While we study the Scripture together, our focus is on application of the Word to our lives, meeting each other where we are, and supporting each other.

Currently, we are meeting on Thursdays at 1:00 PM at Pastor Blaine's house; Fridays at 1 PM at Marcia Cook's house and Sundays at 4 Pm at Pastor Blaine's house. Our study topics include selected Psalms, 'The Power of Knowing God' and an end time study titled, 'Focusing on the Future'.

# GLOBAL OUTREACH PARTNER OF THE MONTH

*Dee Donaldson*

Nigeria



## Year in Review

Thank you all for your faithful support and encouragement of my ministry. It has been such a blessing to have so many faithful partners this year. Your faithfulness has allowed the following: In-country journeys, visiting family and friends, helping teach various workshops, helping teach a course to 250 + students, networking events with ministry leaders, and training new Nigerian Missionary Staff.

## New Role

At the beginning of December, I was asked to step in as the Acting Scripture Engagement Domain Coordinator. As a result, I am supervising 3 teams: Scripture Engagement ( which I was a part of ), Ethnoarts, and Vernacular Media Services. This came as a complete surprise to me, but as I was praying and seeking God's guidance, He made it very clear that I am supposed to fill this role for a season.

My focus is on serving well. I want to enable and support my teams to have an effective ministry among the communities of Nigeria.

## SIL Nigeria going forward

Another part of my new role is that I am now in leadership within SIL Nigeria. Currently, we are seeing many challenges facing our organization, and a need for significant changes in how we operate. **Please be praying** for us as we look into what changes need to happen, and how best to implement those changes. **Please be praying** for organizational unity and clear direction from God. Please pray for us as leaders, as we seek to lead the organization to serve more people here in Nigeria.

## Election

In February, Nigeria will be holding her national elections. There is potential for unrest ( as with and elections ), but I would ask you all to **join us in praying** for peace, security, and most of all, God's will to be done.

## Prayer Requests

- \* **Pray** for me as I seek to increase the cohesion, organization, and impact of these teams.
- \* **Pray** for effectiveness in my new role
- \* **Pray** for wisdom in life and work

Blessings, Dee

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### February

**Sundays** - Sunday School - 9:00 a.m. & Church Service - 10:30 a.m.

**Mondays** - College & Career - 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesdays** - Youth ministries ( Alive 2:5 ) 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday 7th**- Trinity Quilters - 9:30 a.m.

**Tuesday 14th, 21st & 28th** - Women's Bible Study- 9:30 a.m.

**Wednesdays** - Awana - 6:30 p.m.

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## 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.

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## SUNDAY SERVICE

The live-stream link will be available on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkw4](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkw43Ippq7iK0TPdAGXPfSw/live)

[3Ippq7iK0TPdAGXPfSw/live](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkw43Ippq7iK0TPdAGXPfSw/live)

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

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## Email Addresses

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Web Address: tbcspokane.com

*"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 family** - Praise for Carson's successful surgery, pray for healing

**Grace Alliance Christian School** - Praise for new building

**Mark Reilly** - Comfort for family of friend, Mike, in death of Mike's son

**Kirsten Larson Pasieta** - Cancer treatment

**Lori Hansen** - Cancer treatment

**Iverson Family** - Comfort for death of Earl (Buzz)

**Verna Wagner** - Son Paul needing treatment for two kinds of cancer

**Kathie Foerster** - Treatment for nerve pain

**Caitlyn Smith family** - Praise for housing

**JoAnn Champion** - Comfort for family in death of Jocelyne, her sister-in-law

**Elaine Rehms** - Cancer treatment

**Yanna Negrov** - Cancer treatment

**Denise Johnson** - Cancer treatment, praise cancer found early

**Iverson family** - Comfort for family in death of Earl

## PRAYER CHAIN

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

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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.