

**Trinity Baptist Church
Led by God**

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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 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

March 2023

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.



WELCOME SPRING



HE
has made
EVERYTHING
beautiful
in it's time.

Ecclesiastes 3:11

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

ARE THE BEST CHRISTIANS MINISTERS?

Are the Best Christians Pastors and Missionaries? My title is meant to just be a teaser, so let me say immediately that the answer is a categorical 'No'. However, let me explain why I ask the question.

For some time, I have been exposed in various ways to a concept called 'Business as mission' (BAM) or 'Profession as mission'. This is an idea in global missions where we send business people to serve as missionaries, rather than traditional full-time church planters. They would be in the country serving in business or teaching in a secular school. They would build relationships with non-Christians in that context and then share the gospel and make disciples. This is being implemented in many countries that are closed to traditional missionaries. Some of our Global partners are partially doing this very ministry including the Hermans.

Some of the potential benefits include:

- Closed locations may be open
- It provides a reason to be there
- It allows the global partner to demonstrate Christ-transformed living in an everyday context
- It provides a network of relationships which are not cold-contact or contrived
- It can be partially or fully self-funded
- It provides a valuable service or jobs for the indigenous community

There are some drawbacks as well, but it is not my intention in this article to develop or promote this concept, but to launch some thoughts from it. If you want more information, you could try:

www.businessasmission.com

<https://1615.org/project/business-as-mission/>

My interest in BAM is that it reminds us that we all have a mission field, right here in Spokane. Sometimes people think that the most serious Christians go into full-time ministry. However, I would

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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 is a sign-up sheet in the foyer.

Carpool at Trinity at 8:15 am

Cancelations must be made at least one week before March 11th.

(Please no children)



Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 12th.

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

09 Everette & Fern Murrish
11 Rich and Joy Olsen
17 Rob & Holly O'Conner



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

01 Elaine Rehms
02 Ron Dugan
04 Mathias Measor
04 Henry Porter
08 Traci Leppert
08 Ellie Donaldson
16 Lou Herman
18 Kimberly Thompson
19 Albert Calderon
21 Dave Murphy
21 Ingenica Weers
22 Mark Reilly
22 Darlene Bilger
23 Fern Murrish
23 Tracy Resser
23 Carli Judd
25 Chris Shaunessy



**SAVE THE DATE!
VBS**

**JUNE 25TH—29TH
6:00 to 8:30 pm**

Please prayerfully consider joining our team.
Volunteer sign-ups begin soon.

The Blessings of Spring

by Deborah Ann Belka

*There are many blessings,
that each new Spring brings
you can see it bloom about
and hear the song it sings.*

*With winters bleakness over,
and brighter days ahead
comes promises of new life
Springtime loves to spread.*

*As God unfolds the flowers,
and their buds begin to show
He sends to us the promise
His care for us, we will know.*

*He sends us the robin song,
with the promise to provide
that under His mighty wing
we have a place to hide.*

*He melts the snowy covers,
and sends the refreshing rain
sprinkling us with His grace
to heal winter's every pain.*

*God has given to all His Son,
to shed upon us a new light
and the real blessing of Spring
is to keep Jesus in your sight!*



Wednesday March 8th
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Every one is invited to join
the fun in the church gym.
Bring the family, have a hot
dog from the concession
stand and enjoy a fun
evening of Grand Prix
racing.



Song of Solomon 2:11-12

*"For, lo, the winter is past, the rain
is over and gone; The flowers
appear on
the earth; the time of the singing
of
birds is come, and the voice of the
turtle is heard in our land;"*

suggest that all Christians should view their work and life as a mission field. The same benefits that our global partners enjoy are available to people working in secular employ now. There are skills that can be learned to discover and create opportunities to share Jesus. This may be in the words that we say or in the integrity with which we conduct ourselves in our jobs (and likely both).

I used to work in construction. My coworkers knew that I was a Christian. I was routinely tasked with the grunt work like insulating crawlspaces. I worked hard and cheerfully. I believe that this integrity was a primary reason that my coworkers would approach me for advice regarding life issues. On numerous occasions, those significant conversations turned to conversations about Jesus and how He could make things better for them if they would believe in Him.

In fact, I think that living faithfully and redemptively in our secular jobs is perhaps the best training that a person can do to prepare for missions. So, are the best Christians pastors and missionaries? No, but God wants His best to serve where they are as missionaries.

Pastor Blaine Donaldson

COLLEGE AND CAREER

We have a home cooked meal together then we open the Bible together. We are finishing a video series on the attributes of God. Our discussions have been wonderful as we consider the practical implications of the character of God. We often focus on how non-believers would relate to and value the truths we know about Jesus.

MEOW GROUPS

Meeting **Every Other Week**

Currently, we are meeting on Thursdays; Fridays; and Sundays. Our study topics include selected Psalms, 'The Power of Knowing God' and an end time study titled, 'Focusing on the Future'. These topics will be changing by next month. With new studies starting, this is a great time to join a group. We are planning to do six-week studies and then take a break.

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.



Indonesia

GLOBAL OUTREACH PARTNERS OF THE MONTH

Rob and Jodi Herman

2023 Goals

Each year, we do a ministry report for WorldVenture that helps us set goals for the coming year. Please **pray** for us for our 2023 ministry goals. Jodi will finish her two semesters of internship for her Masters in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, take several tests then graduate in August 2023. This education has opened opportunities for her to minister to our team and contacts in Indonesia. When she graduates she would like to also contract with The Well International, a Christian, donor-funded organization based in Thailand in order to serve cross-cultural workers in Asia and around the world.

Return to Kendari

Pray we may return to Kendari in May and in October, for 5-6 weeks each time. We plan to visit and encourage several of our new WorldVenture teammates, extend the All Asia Gathering in Indonesia, mobilize new workers at Indonesian seminaries and missionary sending organizations, do training, encourage and mentor our Indonesian leaders and team, evaluate ministry, implement necessary changes, and promote the accesses. **Please pray God will provide the additional \$6,000 needed for airfare for these two trips.**

Work in the United States

While basing in the U.S. this year, we will continue to remain fully engaged with our team via video calls, texting, and social media. This has been a good way to keep connected to the ministry, and be able to continue to encourage, challenge, mentor and advise our team. We **praise** God for the great growth we have seen in each member, as they really have stepped up into various ministry and leadership roles. **Pray** that two study groups will become house churches.

Access and Unreached People Groups

We will continue to build the accesses—KLC English and Cups Café—so they become self-sustaining. We **praise** God for growth in 2022. **Pray** we find creative ways to promote and serve our students and customers.

Pray we will continue to mobilize new workers for the Muna team. **Pray** we can more deeply engage the 10 unreached people groups we are targeting by helping establish teams who will live among and serve each of these groups.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

March

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.

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/UCkw4](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkw43Ippq7iKOTPdAGXPfSw/live)

[3Ippq7iKOTPdAGXPfSw/live](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkw43Ippq7iKOTPdAGXPfSw/live)

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

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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

Nigeria - Peaceful transition after elections
Bill and Ann Mason - New living arrangements

Rich and Marianne Lathrop - New home for Rich

Kirsten Larson Pasieta - Cancer treatment

Lori Hansen - Cancer treatment

Kathie Foerster - Treatment for nerve pain

James Custer - Cancer treatment

Roy and Pat Hagle - Assorted health issues

Elaine Rehms - Cancer treatment

Yanna Negrov - Cancer treatment

Verna Wagner - Son Paul's cancer treatment

Denise Johnson - Cancer treatment

Mona Parks - Heart issues

Carol Holzer - Heart treatment

Grace Alliance Christian School - Praise for being able to occupy their new building

Darlene LaFollette - Successful treatment for Bridget, a friend of Darlene's son

JoAnn Champion - Cancer treatment for neighbor Carol

JoAnn Champion - Niece Melody's family issues

Kady Langan - Family friend Rick in last stages of ALS

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.