

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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**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

May 2025

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



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

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Dear Church Family,

This month we begin a new sermon series on **1 Peter: A Living Hope in a Hopeless World** and I wanted to take this time to give a little bit of a brief explanation as to why I decided on this particular book of the Bible.

One of the reasons is that, especially for American Christians, it is far too easy for us to grow comfortable and complacent in this world. The second builds off of this reality, that we often fail to grasp the eternal hope we have in Christ that enables us to persevere in our obedience while living in an unbelieving and hostile world.

1 Peter addresses these issues quite directly as it reminds us of our place in this world as “elect exiles.” This world is not our home, but it is where the Lord has us until He returns or calls us home. Understanding this reality helps us journey in this hopeless land with a living and eternal hope.

So over the course of our study in 1 Peter we will learn how our identity in Christ (as elect exiles) plays out in three specific relationships.

1. With the God who has elected us (redeemed us).

We know throughout Scripture, that we are called to a relationship with God. But today, like many in the first century (and every time in between) many Christians seem to have an unbiblical understanding of what that means. The Apostle Peter addresses this specifically.



It’s Time to Join Our VBS Gang!

Monday - Friday
August 11th – 15th
6:00 to 8:30pm

Volunteers Needed!
Please prayerfully
consider being involved.

For questions, contact

Carol Blake
509-328-1921
Kelsey Allen
509-270-5381
or
Lily Yapp
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Thank you.

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 04 Bobby & Sarena Corson
- 05 Blaine & Autumn Donaldson

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Ruth DeHart
- 02 Sam Burns
- 03 John Proffitt
- 03 Leo Schmidt
- 03 Ingrid Zeppenfeld
- 11 Adrianna Donaldson
- 12 Roze Mbombo Kiaba
- 13 Igor Anisimov
- 14 Miles Rohde
- 14 Graham Schmidt
- 15 Darlene Weyland
- 16 Jessica Kagiwada
- 20 Evey Harris
- 20 Julie Topov
- 20 London Danilson
- 21 Melissa Gallegos
- 22 Selah Burns
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- 28 Elliot Knesek
- 30 Darlene Packard



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COLLEGE AND CAREER

College and Career is continuing. We meet for a home cooked meal together and Fellowship around the Word. If you are pre-children and working, you are welcome to join our group.

MEOW GROUPS

The MEOW groups are continuing through the spring. We have finished a series titled, ‘Can I trust the Bible?’ We are working through series on the letters to the churches in Revelation and a series on Proverbs. We will be breaking for the summer in June.

YOUTH MINISTRY

We are meeting most Wednesdays and we are walking through the book of Matthew. We are almost finished. 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.

TRINITY SINGLES

Trinity Singles meet the last Saturday of the month. Our start times vary with the activity. Watch the Wednesday e-mail and Sunday bulletin for information on events and times.

SECOND HARVEST
DISTRIBUTION
SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2025

- May 7** - 2-3pm - 43 E Weile - Vintage Senior Housing - Walk-up Distribution
- May 13** - 11:30am-1:30pm - 1810 N Greene - Spokane Community College - Walk-up Distribution
- May 14** - 2-3pm-3919 N Maple - Chas Clinic - Walk-up Distribution
- May 15** - 1-2pm - 2632 E 27th Ave. - Lincoln Heights Garden - Walk-up Distribution
- May 20** - 10am-12 noon - 147001 E Indiana Ave. - Spokane Valley - Drive-thru Distribution
- May 20** - noon- 2pm - 3410W Whistalks Way - Spokane Falls - Walk-up Distribution
- May 21** - 4-6pm-1603 N Belt St - West Central Comm. Center - Drive-thru Distribution
- May 27** - 11:30-1:30pm- SCC - 1810 N Greene St. Bldg. 6 - Walk-up Distribution
- May 29** - 2:30-3:30pm - Audubon Elem. - 2020 W Carlisle Ave. - Walk-up Distribution
- May 29** - 10-11am - Winchester CT. - 4106 N. Stone St. - Walk-up Distribution

2. With the world in which we live.

Before God redeemed us in Christ and adopted us into His family, we were at home in this world. We were living in darkness, but because of Christ we were taken out of darkness into His marvelous light. Since we belong to Him, how are we now supposed to live in this world? In 1 Peter 1:14, the Apostle tells us that our God, who called us is holy, we also are to be holy in our conduct. Yes, we live in this world, but we are not of this world. 1 Peter exhorts and commands us to this reality.

3. With our fellow “exiles” (brothers and sisters in Christ).

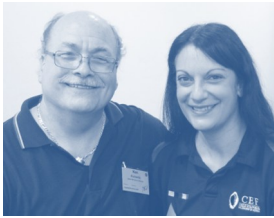
Unlike many of Paul’s letters, 1 Peter is not addressed to a specific local church, but to the local church, regardless of where it is located. In our redemption, Christ has united us to Himself, but He has also united us with one another. It is one thing to care for one another when things are going well, it is another thing when together we live in a hostile world, filled with trials, difficulties, and suffering because of Christ. 1 Peter helps us learn and grow in our thinking and acting towards each other.

For these reasons and so much more, I encourage all of us to take time to read through 1 Peter in one sitting, then as we “journey” through each text, mediate on what the Lord through His apostle is teaching you about your relationship with Him and with our church family.

With affection,



Pastor Miles



GLOBAL OUTREACH
PARTNERS OF THE MONTH
Ken and Sue Richards
Child Evangelism Fellowship-Western Australia

A Year of Celebration

This year we celebrate special ministry milestones. Sue celebrates 40 years since she led her first child to Christ as a volunteer teen at a Child Evangelism Fellowship camp. Ken celebrates 40 years since he graduated from the CEF Institute to begin service with CEF in the USA. What a joy! It's such a privilege to serve our Lord reaching children.

This year celebrates the 20th year running the Holiday Club in Mundaring Hills and the 10th year for the Bentley Holiday Club. Many hundreds of children have come to hear the gospel in these Clubs over the years.

Children Hearing the Gospel

It is always a joy for Susan and Donna to run the Holiday Club for an Aboriginal Community. The children listened attentively to the Bible lessons and eagerly learned their memory verses. It is exciting to see this group grow in size each year and in their walk with the Lord. They performed many Biblical hero stories at their school graduation night which was a great testimony to their community.

In Subiaco, 120 children attended a Christmas party club. Thirteen children indicated that they had trusted in Christ as their Saviour during the lesson. They were given first steps booklets to help them grow in many aspects of their faith. Please **pray** for the children's spiritual growth.

Updates and Prayer

Mum has led a second caregiver to Christ. Please **pray** for others who are reading her testimony to also respond. There are many special people that we are praying for and sharing the gospel with that are very close to coming to know the Lord. Please **pray** they will come to Christ

Christianity Explained and a discipleship series, *Practical Christianity*, are well attended by non-Christians. *Christianity Explained* will run right after Easter. Please **pray** for people to have the courage to attend and consider the gospel. Some people are close to responding.

Our evangelism in the city has slowed. Please **pray** that we may be able to resume in God's perfect timing, and that people would be open to the profound gospel of grace.

Pray for those we've trained to persevere in reaching the children.

MAY HAPPENINGS

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

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

Tuesday 13th - Year end Ladies Bible Study
Brunch - 9:30 a.m.

Wednesdays - May 7th & 14th - Awana - 6:30 p.m.

Thursday 22nd - 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/UCkw4>

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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 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."

PRAYER REMINDERS

- **Lathrop family** - Comfort for family as Rich passed away

Jerry Hollman - Praise for recovery from surgery

Rich and Joy Olsen - Pray for strength as they settle into assisted living

Terri Krogh - Praise for improvement of health issues

Lori Hansen - Praise for good test results

Sheri Stevens - Recovery from horrific auto accident, long recovery ahead.

Mark Lewis - Praise Sister Cheri had good results from eye surgery

Gene Hansen - Recovery from a stroke

Keith Clark - Continuing recovery from surgery

Traci Leppert - Praise for father's recovery from surgery, pray for upcoming thyroid biopsy

Van - Pray she turns to Jesus for solace

PRAYERS FOR DEPLOYED MILITARY MEMBERS AND THEIR LOVED ONES

Jordan Allen

Ian Paxson

DJ Varhall