

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

May 2024

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



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JESUS SEES WOMEN

John 4:12 "Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?" NKJV

What does the tragic rape of Dinah and the story of the woman at the well have in common? They both happened in the same place. Shechem and Sychar are different names for the same place.

The story of Dinah in Genesis 34 is about God's leading of Jacob and his family. It highlights the failures of the people of God. Chief among these failures is the callous disregard for the plight of many women. You should read the story again, taking note of the horrible circumstances for Dinah. I will summarize: Dinah is the only sister of the twelve sons of Jacob. She is raped by a man named Shechem. No one cares about Dinah. No one sees her pain and suffering. Except to use it as political capital, her father, Jacob, ignores the crime. Two of her brothers take vengeance. However, it was based on the fact that their property was damaged. No one saw Dinah at Shechem/Sychar.

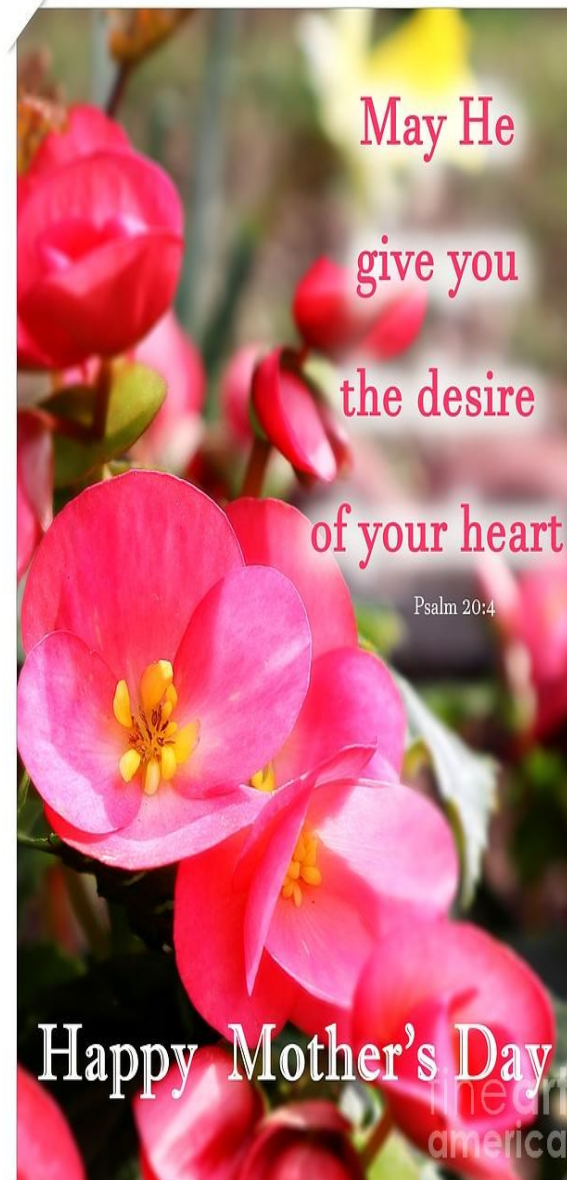
In John 4, we jump ahead, some 1500 years, to meet the unnamed woman at the well. Have you previously realized that you did not even know her name? She too is a woman who has been treated as property. We have always assumed that she was an immoral woman. That is what we learned in church. It is what I have taught or at least suggested. I do not believe that this is the case anymore. She had five husbands. In that culture, women did not have the right to divorce. Only men did. Women also had very little opportunity to earn enough money to take care of themselves without a man. She either had the tragedy of losing her husbands to death, or they simply chose to discard her. The man that she was then with was not her husband. It could be that they were together without being married, but it could also be that a brother of one of her husbands took her in out of a social obligation and used her as a servant or concubine without marriage. We just do not know. Usually, people do not care. People do not even see her. She asks of Jesus a fascinating

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BELIEVERS FELLOWSHIP

Our last Believers Fellowship luncheon and meeting until September will be May 16th at noon in the gym.

Come and join in on great fellowship and food.



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

05 Blaine & Autumn Donaldson

MAY BIRTHDAYS

03 Ingrid Zeppenfeld
11 Dee Donaldson-Kuzanah
13 Igor Anisimov
15 Darlene Weyand
29 Kathy Weers
30 Darlene Packard



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

02 Sid & Jenny Ruffcorn
06 Bill & Georgiale Smithpeters
16 Nick & Gail Quinn
16 John & Kathie Foerster
19 Philip & Rebekah Measor
28 Rich & Marianne Lathrop



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

07 Arina Anisimov
11 Irma Fillmore
16 JoAnn Champion
20 Carol Blake
21 Ann Mason
21 Corey Ross
29 Bill Smithpeters
29 Scott Jungen
30 Misty Ross
30 Linda Phillips



PRAYER MEETING

Praying together as a church

Sunday Mornings 8:30am

For Revitalization

In the Conference Room

WATER DAMAGE UPDATE

On January 16, 2024, our pipes in the church froze and broke. There has been much repair done, now we need to replace much drywall and flooring. The process of working with busy contractors and insurance people has been slow. We are confident that most of the expenses will be covered. We should be able to schedule the final repairs in the next few days. This has been a really slow process.

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 (This is now scheduled. We hope work will be completed by the end of June)
 - a New flooring installed
 - b New drywall installed
 - c Painting
 - d Stored items returned

Insurance has agreed to pay for all of the work. We are responsible for the deductible (\$2,500) and the plumbing repairs (less than \$5,000).



TIME TO JOIN OUR VBS CREW!

Monday - Friday
July 15th – 19th
6:00 to 8:30 pm

Volunteers Needed!
Please prayerfully
consider being involved.

For questions, contact
Lily Yapp at
509-468-0770 or
Carol Blake at
509-328-1921
Thank you.

Romans 15:5-7

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the Glory of God.

question, “Are You greater than our father Jacob?” Has anything changed for women? No one saw Dinah. Does anyone see her? Does Jesus see her?

He certainly does. Jesus tells her about her life. I have always taken Jesus’ words as exposing her sin, but now I think that He is telling her that He sees her and that He knows about her. Maybe no one else understands, but He does.

When she tells people about Jesus, do you remember what she said? "Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" (John 4:29). Jesus saw her when no one else did. Jesus saw her as only God could.

In our society, people see women more than they have historically. But there are still many times when women feel trapped, helpless and alone. Many women are still mistreated in their homes and feel like they are being used as property. Jesus sees you. And as a church, we try to see you as well. We oppose the abuse and objectifying of women. If this is your situation, we will not look the other way or try to cover things up. We will see you as Jesus sees you.

Pastor Blaine Donaldson.

COLLEGE AND CAREER

We are enjoying our times of fellowship together as we study the Word of God as well. We often talk about how the Scriptures look as they are lived out in our lives. The Lord has been so good to us by adding some new people.

We have had a few weeks of break for work and vacation needs, but this week we are resuming our ministry time together.

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

Radha & Samen Manickam

Missions Door
Seattle & Cambodia

Faith Story

Radha was born and raised in the city of Phnom Penh, Cambodia, of Indian descent. Both of his parents were devout Hindus. Radha became a Christian in 1973 through an English class that his church provided free of charge. It was a hard decision to make because of his Hindu family, and he was their eldest child. He accepted the Lord, however, because he was sure Jesus was the only one who could save him from his sin. Samen was also born in the city of Phnom Penh and is in the third generation of Christian believers in her family. Her father was a Cambodian Christian pastor.

Radha married Samen in 1978, and they have five children.

Ministry Focus

After Radha's first trip back to Cambodia in 1989, God put a burden in his heart to help rebuild Cambodian churches. To do this, Radha needed to step out of his role as a pastor of a local church and begin the challenge of working with many Cambodian churches.

He sees church planting and leadership development as critical to the growth of the Cambodian church. The Khmer church needs someone who can train Cambodian church planters, send them out, and produce the materials they need in order to do their job. The goal is to develop leadership and resources for the churches in Cambodia.

In 1993, Radha and Samen were appointed by Missions Door to work with Cambodian churches in North America and in Cambodia. In 2004 Missions Door named Radha the Cambodian Ministry Specialist and Coordinator.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for wisdom to perform my duties as a teacher and trainer to our pastors and leaders in Cambodia. Please pray the Lord will give me wisdom to prepare more study guides to help the leaders. Pray that the Cambodian churches work in unity to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to people.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

Radha and Samen

WHAT'S HAPPENING

May

Sundays - Prayer Meeting - 8:30a.m.
Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.
Church Service - 10:30 a.m.
Mondays - College & Career - 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday - 14th, 21st & 28th-
Women's Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
Wednesdays- Awana - 6:30 p.m.
Thurs. 23rd - 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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkw43Ipq7iK0TPdAGXPfSw/live)

[3Ipq7iK0TPdAGXPfSw/live](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkw43Ipq7iK0TPdAGXPfSw/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

Ray Stroud - Comfort as Ray is placed on hospice

Everett Murrish - Recovery from pneumonia and other health challenges

Mona Parks - Correct diagnosis from thyroid biopsies

Paige Resser - Upcoming heart tests and wisdom for doctors diagnosing her issues

Terri Krough - Health challenges

Doris Breeden - Diagnosis for pain in arm

Kady Langan - Mother battling Covid

Scott Jungen - Mother Margaret needing kidney surgery scheduled

Wanda Blosl - Recovery from a fall resulting in neck fracture

Denise Johnson - Brother Darwin recovering from broken leg

Dan Conlon - Radiation treatments for cancer

Mary Ann Ballard - Sister Marsha recovery from knee surgery

Marsha Starling - Hip surgery recovery

Lori Hansen - Praise for remission from cancer

Verna Wagner - Praise she is now recovering from pneumonia

Dennis Barley - Praise there were no blockages in heart

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.