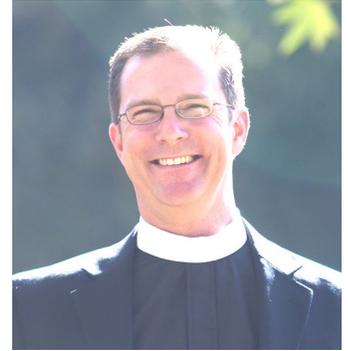


Building to Bless

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... ~Matthew 28:19

During the month of July, we hosted ten “focus groups” to garner feedback from our congregation regarding our readiness to build the Sanctuary. Greg Holt, our consultant from JD Klote & Associates, organized the gatherings and conducted a survey. His report was presented to the Board at the end of July.



Thank you to all who were able to participate and give us their input!

The report indicated that there is widespread support for the project at this time, and the Board voted to proceed toward a capital campaign this Fall. A capital campaign steering committee was formed and trained. My thanks to Edwin and Kaye Camp, Charise Adams, Patrick Beck, Regina Pryor, Ed Taylor, Suzanne Wagner, and Ray Watson for accepting the call to help lead this campaign.

The theme of the campaign is *Building to Bless*. We are constructing more than buildings, but tools to be used to bless: to bless the Name of God in praise, to welcome our neighbors and bless them with the love of Christ, and from which to go and invite the world to join us as followers of Jesus. *Building to Bless* will launch on Kick-off Sunday, September 18, which is also a day of new beginnings for the Fall.

Here's what the day will include:

- *New Sunday School curriculum and format*
Under the leadership of Fr. Spencer and Regina Pryor, we will be using a new Sunday School curriculum. We will offer teaching to two kids' age groups, and then kids will come together for singing before returning to the Fellowship Hall to join their families for communion.
- *A Ministry Fair* on the patio after the 10:00 service
Come grab something to drink and get familiar with all the opportunities to grow through participation in the many ministry and mission groups at Trinity!
- *Kids Bounce House* after the 10:00 service
Let your young ones burn off some energy as they bounce it all away!
- *Campaign Kick-off Luncheon*
We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a complementary luncheon catered by Mossmans. It will be a time to enjoy one another's company and learn a bit about *Building to Bless*.

Stay tuned for much more in store in the Fall, including the Blessing of the Animals, a new Small Group Series, a weeknight class, and much more! I'm so excited to see all God has in store for us here at Trinity.

Yours in Christ,



Saintly Actions of 9/11

This article speaks on the horrific accidents of 9/11. Please read with discretion.

Not to give too much testament to my age, but I was in second grade when the towers were struck by the airplanes 21 years ago. All I remember from that day is that we weren't allowed to have recess and the teachers were in a state of worry and panic.

It was the day that the world changed forever. During those tragic events, hundreds of heroes emerged, and America was unified in a way that we may never see again.



2,997 people died on 9/11. 343 of them were firefighters and 71 were law enforcement officers who put the lives of others before themselves. Though horrific, we saw how good humanity can be. As I have watched several documentaries, read books, and even went to the 9/11 museum last year, several stories have struck my heart, but this is the story I want to share with you.

When the North Tower was hit, hundreds of Fire Fighters reported to the scene. Among them was an FDNY Chaplain, Fr. Mychal Judge. Immediately he began praying over the people in the streets. And once a command center had been established in the lobby, Fr. Judge entered the North Tower.

Several people wanted him to leave the scene, to be safe, but Fr. Judge refused. He stayed with his men. There is even a video where amid chaos, Fr. Judge is standing there calmly praying.

At 9:59 am, loud noise erupted, and the ground began to shake. The South Tower was falling. As the tower fell, Fr. Mychal Judge was struck by debris and died. Though many perished before him, Fr. Judge was designated as "Victim 001".

Though he didn't climb the 110 stories or partake in a heroic rescue, Fr. Judge put his faith of the gospel first. His actions of Christian virtue were heroic. What a witness of testimony we see in Fr. Mychal Judge, who in the midst of tragedy, found it important to put himself in danger to pray and be present for the firefighters and civilians.

Here is a snippet of his final sermon he ever preached at a rededication of Ladder 73 on September 10th:

That's the way it is. Good days. And bad days. Up days. Down days. Sad days. Happy days. But never a boring day on this job. You do what God has called you to do. You show up. You put one foot in front of another. You get on the rig and you go out and you do the job – which is a mystery. And a surprise. You have no idea when you get on that rig. No matter how big the call. No matter how small. You have no idea what God is calling you to. But he needs you. He needs me. He needs all of us.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Spencer Stubblefield" followed by a small cross symbol.

Fr. Spencer Stubblefield, SSC

CORE GATHERING MEETING

Saturday, September 10th

9am-12pm

Come join us on Saturday, September 10th, for a morning of celebrating God's faithful work in our midst, dreaming about our future, and discerning what steps God is calling us to take as we live into His mission for Trinity.

A Word from Your Deacon

HE MUST DECREASE THAT I MAY INCREASE

by Deacon John

There wasn't a jealous bone in his body when some said to John, the Baptizer, "(Jesus) *is baptizing, and everyone is going to him*". (John3:26b) Rather than complain and become bitter, John rejoiced saying to them, "*He must become greater, and I must become less.*" (v.30) "***He must increase and I must decrease.***" It wasn't *self-deprecation* or *modesty* that caused John to speak thusly but rather a true understanding of his *calling* and *purpose*.

Putting others *first*, even God, would not make much headway today in our post-modern, self-centered culture and society. The very notion of self-willed purpose and happiness has been and continues to be ingrained in us from an early age. The *mantras* of our culture unceasingly proclaim, "*You are enough!*" "*Live your truth!*" "*Love yourself!*" "*You are perfect the way you are!*" And then there are the entire industries that have sprung up to feed those beliefs, all for a nice profit of course.

However, "*once we've made something else a greater or equal priority to Christ in our lives, we'll find that Christ's share rapidly diminishes from that point on.*" For the *post-modern* Christian there is a growing problem, either Jesus is Lord and Savior of our life or he is a nuisance. For some reason we are *okay* with Jesus being our Savior but the "*Lord*" thing is quite another story because it involves a level of personal "*surrender of self*" that we are admittedly uncomfortable with. How many nominal Christians are "*trying to find their purpose and joy elsewhere, yet like some lawyer, keep Jesus around on retainer, always available in some sort of advisory role.*"

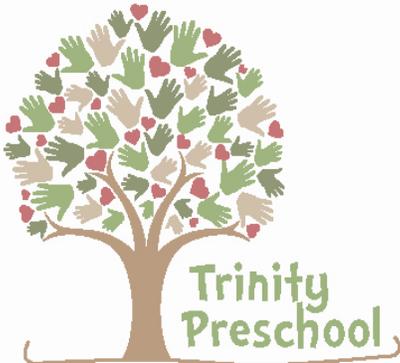
Jesus said, "*Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only those who does (is actively doing) the will of my Father who is in heaven.*" (Matt. 7:21) And what is the "*will of the Father*"? Is it not the "*obedient lordship of Christ*" in the life of the Believer? The ancient *creeds* of the Christian faith have now been replaced by a modern one, "*I believe in a god who wants me to be happy and fulfilled*" and so the willful refusal to "***decrease that He might increase***" may very well prove to be the final, prideful undoing of ourselves.

In The Parish Family

Congratulations to...

Kurtis & Kristin Garcia on the birth of their new son, Daxel Anthony, who was born on July 14th.

Nick & Veronica Berger on the birth of their new daughter, Elizabeth Olivia, who was born on July 31st.



The first day of school for Trinity Preschool 2022/23 was amazing! Lots of new smiling friends running around in our play yard and filling up our classrooms! We are so excited to get to know our new preschool families, and will continue to pray for our graduates, who begin their new journeys. Here is a picture of one of our new students giving me the thumbs up when I asked if she was having a great first day!



McGruff, the Crime dog made a visit to our preschool. How fun! They taught us about “stranger danger” and how important it is to call 911 if there is ever an emergency. Thank you to our amazing police officers, who always keep us safe!

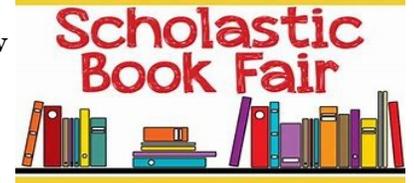


We pray this new school year we will continue to grow in every area and continue to be the best preschool in town. We also pray for our entire staff and preschool families to continue to stay safe and healthy. Thank you God, for blessing all of us! We give you all the thanks!

Reminder: Our Scholastic Book Fair will be in September. I will announce a book fair for Trinity Church to come and support our preschool by shopping for books! Books make a great gift for all ages! Trinity Preschool will get back 50% in books OR 40% back in cash that will be directly given to the preschool, depending on how many books we sell! I hope to see you there!

I look forward to telling you all about the amazing new memories our new school year brings!

Love,
Ms. Jennifer
Director



New Sunday School Curriculum!

*Jr. High & High School Kids
encouraged to help
in classrooms!*

**Begins on September 18th!
10AM in the Christian Education Building
For ages Pre-School through 5th Grade!**

Please contact Regina Pryor at (661) 332-9582 if you are interested in teaching Sunday School or if you have any questions about the program.



RE-LAUNCHING THIS FALL

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School (PreK-5th) will resume on September 18th at the 10 am service on Sundays. We have a great teaching team and a wonderful curriculum to help form our young disciples!



THE CHOIR IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

If you are interested in singing in church each week, then you are invited to join the choir. They gather in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm. The first rehearsal is on September 7th. For more information, please call Sue Wagner. You can get her number from the church office at 665-7713.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group kicks off on Sunday, September 11th, from 6:30-8:00 pm. 6th Grade—12th Grade kids are all invited and encouraged to bring a friend. Fr. Spencer and his team are looking forward to fun games, meaningful teaching, and great fellowship!



TUESDAY CHAPEL SERVICE

We will offer Holy Communion with Healing Prayer on Tuesdays at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall, beginning on September 13th.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study will resume meeting on September 21 at 7:00 am at Lorene's Coffee Shop (Ming and Ashe).



DISCIPLE MAKING

A SMALL GROUP SERIES

*A five week series
starting the week
of October 2nd*

How to become more like Jesus and how to help others do the same.

Small Groups

*Growing together through
fellowship and learning*

ARE YOU IN A SMALL GROUP?

We believe that followers of Jesus grow best in fellowship and community with other disciples where we can help one another grow and can discern how God is working in one another's lives (Eph. 4:16). That's why Small Groups are at the heart of how we grow here at Trinity! Each year we engage in three sermon-based small group series (Epiphany/Winter, Easter/Spring, and Late Pentecost/Fall). The five-week Late Pentecost series will kick off the week of Sunday, October 2 and run

through the week of Sunday, October 30. The series will explore ***Disciple Making: How to become more like Jesus and how to help others do the same.***

What kind of time commitment do I make to a group?

We are mindful that we live in a busy culture and that certain times of year, like the holiday season, are particularly busy. Small groups meet for three series each year, varying in length from five to eight weeks, depending on the calendar.

What if I join a group that doesn't "fit" with me?

Because we are convinced that we grow best in fellowship with one another, it is important to find the right group for you. We ask people to commit to their group for the length of the series. At the end of the series, people are free to continue with that group, try another group, or take a break until a later series.

How do I join a group?

That's the easiest part! You can fill out the small group registration form on our website (<https://trinitybakersfield.com/small-groups>), call the church office (665-7713), or get in touch directly with our small group coordinator, Debbie Gibson (emsbubby@icloud.com).

NEW MEMBERS & CONFIRMATION COURSE

This course is perfect for:

- Those new to Trinity and wanting to get more deeply involved
- Adults wanting to fully join the Anglican heritage and be confirmed
- Young persons ready to declare their baptismal faith for themselves.

In Confirmation, prayers are offered by the Bishop for candidates for daily increase in the Holy Spirit and for continual strengthening for life in the service of Christ. Bishop Eric will be with us for Confirmation on November 6. Classes will be held in five sessions on Sunday mornings starting October 2 (Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30) in between the services (9:10-9:50 am).



For more information or to register, call the Church Office 665-7713.

LADIES BROWN BAG LUNCH SOCIAL



Our next Brown Bag Lunch will be on Tuesday, September 27th at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. We encourage all ladies of Trinity to join us and bring a lunch and drink. Please feel free to invite a friend or two. Guests are always welcome!

MEN'S GATHERING



**TRINITY CRUSADERS
LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
4:30 PM—6:00 PM**

**Crusader Brewing Co.
5880 District Blvd, Suite 18
(right in the middle)
661-859-6040**

**For more info call/text:
Will Adams 760-889-0436
Garrett Ming 661-332-3600
Steven Napier 661-827-7082**

September 25th

Grab a beer or soft drink and unwind with the men of Trinity. Invite your friends and enjoy some fellowship before calling it a day.

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Moses Moore

Al Cartmell

Mary Wakefield

Elle Adams

Finn McEnulty
Lori Pflugh

Pam Knight
Greg Smith

Matt Chaffee
Lynn Deats
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Marie Ramsland

Lucien Carroll
Steve McCalley

Donna Chaffee
Laura Landucci

Sharon Giboney
Sandy Kesler
Becky Napier

Norma Jackson



TRINITY STATS

Financial

	Month	Year-to-date
July 2022		
Operating Income	\$42,894	\$321,070
Operating Expense	\$44,109	\$321,072
Building Debt Payment	\$9,800	\$68,600

Ages to Ages II (collected in July): \$8997.29



Our Vision is to be followers of Jesus in the Anglican tradition, connected through discipleship groups, with every member engaged in traditional Worship, in-depth Bible Study, Parish Ministry, and local and global Mission Outreach.

TRINITY
ANGLICAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday Morning

8 a.m. Holy Communion

10 a.m. Holy Communion

Livestream at 10 a.m.

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