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The very practical Jesus.



My dear Trinity Family,

We had two indescribably good and precious weeks in India. I don't want to trigger any jealousy, but I must confess that when I eat a mouth-watering, South Indian breakfast, something good happens to me. With the options of idli, vada, pongal, masala dosa, rava dosa, sambar, coconut chutney and a sweet kesari bath (No! It's not a shower! It's a most delicious Indian breakfast delight), I could almost sing, "Heaven came down and glory filled my soul!" And I won't tempt nor taunt your culinary senses and desires by describing our lunch and dinner options – let alone those nearly divine desserts. As one of my friends used to say, "The supper at the table of heaven will not be complete without the mouth-watering delights of India!" Thank you, Lord!

I am writing this letter on August 1st 2024, from on board a Qatar Airways flight enroute from Doha, Qatar to Washington Dulles. Our hearts on trips like this are a yoyo of emotions. On the way up from the United States to India, our hearts are filled with the great anticipation of seeing loved ones in India (coupled with the "miss you" Church family emotions). On the way back to the US our hearts are best described in a picture; Miriam and Nehara sobbing in the cab even as I withhold my emotions to hold their hands. Leaving family behind across the Atlantic is never easy – especially when it comes to our elderly parents. As we then head to the airport with tickets which will transport us in the direction of Washington, our emotions become blended with "miss you dad, mom, granddad, grandmom, siblings, cousins, friends" to "we look forward to reconnecting with our dear Trinity Church family". And after spending 2 hours in a cab to the airport, 4 hours in the Bangalore airport clearing security, immigration, etc, 4 and a half hours on the flight from Bangalore to Doha (Qatar), 3 and a half hours in transit at the Hamad International airport and then making it on board this 14 hour flight, our minds are processing a lot, our bodies are feeling it a lot and our hearts are grateful – a lot!

In international family travel, balancing bags is an adventure or at times a misadventure of sorts. The man who balances his bags well might help his family save some, invest some and enjoy some. Believe me, sometimes life is a lot about the practical things. For instance, the man who knows how plumbing works and how to fix a leaking faucet does not have to worry about finding a plumber on a Sunday! Balancing bags is not on the class of a plumbing expertise, but it may be counted on a lower level learned skill!

I have spent considerable time during the last two weeks balancing bags. My brain and muscles have registered the number of times I lifted and weighed the six 50 pound checked-in bags and the three 15-pound cabin bags on our US to India sectors! Not to forget the 15 kg checked-in bags and our 7 kg cabin bags on our Bangalore to Kolkata, Kolkata to Trivandrum and Trivandrum to Bangalore sectors. It's all about how the shapes, sizes, weights of individual items fit into each bag to snugly stay below the stipulated weight restriction on each category. Now it would be good if I could tell you that we got away without paying for excess baggage – but no, with all the gifts we carried for family and friends, we did end up paying some hefty sums! At such moments, I am encouraged by the story of the boy who walked many miles in an African country to give a missionary a small gift he carried by hand. The missionary was more than moved by the distance the boy had walked to bring the gift. When told about how she felt, the boy responded, “long walk part of the gift.”

When we consider Jesus and what He did for us, his long journey was part of the gift. One of my favorite sections in the Bible is the Gospels. If you ask me to tell you why, that would be quite easy to do. I love watching the “very practical Jesus” at work. Whether it be his willingness as the architect of the Universe to be an understudy in Joseph’s carpenter shop, or his openness as the Mighty God to invite his disciples to be with him (Mark 3: 14) or his handling of situations like the feeding of the 5000 or his take on hypocritical spiritual leaders, or his commitment to die for our sins on that old rugged cross, Jesus reveals a very “down-to-earth side of a very heaven-sent Savior”.

No wonder the scriptures challenge us in these words, “Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself. He had equal status with God but didn’t think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all. When the time came, he set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became human! Having become human, he stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn’t claim special privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death—and the worst kind of death at that—a crucifixion.” Philippians 2: 6-8 (The Message)

As we journey through September, in our preaching series titled, “The very practical Jesus”, let us ask the Lord to make us practical disciples. People who with authenticity will embody the spirit of the God who became like us, to make us like Him.

All for the very practical Jesus,
Arun

P.S: I am sharing a few pictures from our trip. One of the big encouragements was to see and hear of how churches in India are filled with eager worshippers – especially youth, young adults and young families. Pressure, persecution or opposition do not deter the faithful.

Pictures from left to right: Preaching at Kolkata Bible Fellowship, a church planted by my brother Pastor Ashok Andrews and team. Miriam and Nehara with Miriam’s mom, Susy. With Arun’s parents, Alex and Rita and brother Ashok and family members.



SERIES TITLE: Remarkable!

**SEPTEMBER'S THEME:
The Very Practical Jesus.**

September 1

Crisis management, Jesus-style

Mark 6:30-44

Holy Communion in both services

September 8

**Hard hearts, longing hearts &
the King of hearts**

Mark 6:45-56

September 15

Give your heart a home

Luke 15: 11-24

Back to Church Sunday - Combined Service

September 22

The heart of the matter, a matter of the heart

Mark 7:1-23

Haney family at Revive

September 29

The gift of a praying mother

Mark 7:24-30

PRAYER FOCUS FOR SEPTEMBER

Every time you come across a school or college campus, would you pray for students, families, teachers and staff who are preparing for a new School year. We especially pray for Andrew Bream and Matt Barbagello as they settle into their freshman year.

I invite you to remember my homeland in prayer as India celebrated her 78th Independence Day on August 15.

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

September 15th, 2024

We will have Coffee Fellowship from 9-10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The combined service will be at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Todd and Jamie will work together on the music, there will be something special by the children, youth, and Pastor Arun will bring the message.

Would you pray about who you should invite, and then invite your friend, neighbor and co-worker to attend church with you? Make prayer a priority and invite those who are away from God. Our lives are forever changed when we see other people's lives changed. That may be you and your friend.

We will have Invite Cards for you to pass out. On Back to Church Sunday, your friend will receive a Welcome Bag and you will receive a surprise for bringing them! Let's all be involved and invite someone who is away from the church and from God.

SUNNIER SIDE OF SIXTY

Tuesday, September 17th is Sunnier Side of Sixty! Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall, thanks to Carol Evertts and the Caring Ministry Team. The service will follow in the sanctuary at 1:00. Terry Renzetti, a member of Trinity and a retired high school teacher, will bring the message. John Sharpe and Wilma Rockey will minister in music. Communion will be served by the ministers to everyone in their pew. All are invited to lunch and this abbreviated service.

ERIC AND ANISSA HANEY AT REVIVE

We will have the privilege of welcoming Jamie's friends, Eric and Anissa Haney on September 22. IMB missionaries who served abroad in Sweden for 11 years, Eric and Anissa share the Gospel through music with their band, Haney Love. They have released several albums together, the most recent of which, "Stories of Hope", tells biblical stories such as those of Zacchaeus, Jairus, and Peter through jazz "big band" settings.

BLANKET SUNDAY

Blanket Sunday will continue at Trinity with a slightly different focus. Rather than sending our money for blankets to other countries, the money will go for blankets needed locally. A small blanket will be given with each Thanksgiving Love Box. Blanket Sunday will be Sunday, October 13th. Come prepared to pin your money, or check, on the blanket. We plan to distribute blankets to the families that we serve through our Love Box ministry and also through Starfish Ministries. Add "Blanket Sunday" in the memo line of your checks. To know more contact Carol Evertts.

THE PRAISE CORNER

by Todd Davis

*“Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,
for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,
the Word is our promise always, forever;
we rest in God’s keeping and live in God’s love.”*
(Words: Jane Marshall, 1980; Music: Jane Marshall, 1980)

UPCOMING MUSIC

September is always a fun month. It’s a month of transitions. A transition from summer to school; although, nowadays, school has already begun! As a matter of fact, school began on August 16th for Hayden. September is also a transition from summer to fall. The days gradually grow shorter and the temperatures, hopefully, begin to cool as autumn rolls in. I was surprised to see our leaves from the front yard tree fall for the first time on August 1st. It wasn’t a very nice reminder of the raking to come! In addition, September is a transition from summer worship music to fall worship music. This summer, the music was filled with wonderful experiences and praise. Thank you to all the guest musicians, and all who took part in things like small group singing, playing instruments, vocal solos, etc. Now that fall will arrive this month, choirs will resume! Familiar anthems, anthems that challenge us, and a new anthem or two will be a part of the repertoire as we rehearse for our weekly offerings. Anyone who can carry a tune and/or sing in harmony is welcome to join!

I am so excited to announce that we are blessed to have the opportunity to host the East Berlin Community Singers for the Christmas Musicale. On December 19th, 7:00 pm and December 22, 9:15 am, the Community Singers will join our choir for a large, extended work. The Community Singers will also provide their own selections for much of the program.

MIDWEEK MUSIC CONCERTS

Concerts are on Wednesdays at noon and last approximately 30-40 minutes. Many, many thanks to everyone who attends and watches online! Thank you to Nihal who has faithfully assisted with the audio and visual production since the series’ inception in 2020. Jamie is now taking over as the audio and visual production person for the Midweek Music concerts. Thank you, Jamie, for taking on this additional ministry! We’ve begun a ‘trivia’ segment with online participation. I look forward to expanding the series even further with Jamie’s help!

On February 23, 2022, we began our journey through the reading of the Psalms with Psalm 93. We completed our reading of 150 Psalms on August 7th of this year. There is so much to be learned from the psalms. They are comforting, instructional, praiseful, and prayerful. They touch on every human emotion. Making music to the Lord is an act and posture of worship that is demanded of us in the psalms! We’ll continue our scriptural journey through the Bible. In upcoming weeks, we’ll hear beautiful passages that refer to the psalms or speak directly to us regarding music and worship. Come for the reading of Holy Scripture, come for prayer, come for great music, and of course, come for fun! Also, please note that the church’s website has a link titled “Scripture and Song.” The selections you hear are brief, original meditations on a particular scripture and a related hymn.

WHAT GIFT CAN WE BRING

The above quoted hymn at the beginning of this article is found in The United Methodist Hymnal, #87, stanza 3. A hymn of pure gratitude, it was composed in 1980 for the 25th anniversary of Northaven United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas. I strongly encourage you to read all four stanzas. They are poetic and beautiful! I particularly like stanza 3. Planning, and planning worship and music, is always looking at tomorrow and beyond. That tomorrow may bring surprises, good or bad, and may cause us to make changes. But, in Psalm 46:10, God tells us, “Be still and know that I am God.” He is in control. What will your tomorrow bring? Perhaps your tomorrow will bring your gifts of music as an offering to the Lord and the music ministry at Trinity Church. Yes, the ‘Word is our promise.’ That Word can be amplified by music. Can we, can you, bring gifts of music to praise God in the tomorrows that He brings? Planning for the future is planning to praise God and trust Him forever!

*“and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we’ll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still...”*
(“O God Beyond All Praising”)

BY THE GRACE OF GOD by Anne Mathews

I am a sinner and I have been for years. Shocking right? Who begins a testimony like this? Well, I do because it is the truth and I value the truth. I do not say “I sin” to be boastful (unless its to boast about the grace that God has given me) but out of pure gratitude and humility. I am not going to use this article to write about my life or my transgressions because that is deeply personal. I will touch on things that I have learned in my life from dark days (depression) to the many blessings I have received.

So many days throughout my life I have spent acting like everything is “perfect” when it is definitely not and in fact nothing is perfect except God’s love and grace. One word that I have lived with for years is Grace. It started to appear more and more around me about 20 years ago. Obviously I had heard the word previously but it kept coming up in different ways. So, I started to really dig into the word grace. I started reading articles about it, researched the breakdown of the meaning, and read every passage that included grace. Did you know that the word grace is mentioned 128 times in the New Testament (NKJV) and 23 times in the Old Testament (NKJV)? Grace is something GOD is, gives and does. Researching this word gave me the context of what I had been feeling. At the beginning, when I could sit with a clear mind and the presence of God was strong around me, I could see in every dark moment that I lived through, the lighter side that came with it. That is the power of His grace. The more I was open to seeing His grace, the more I began to heal from years of the baggage of guilt I carried with me.

In my life, I try to see everyone where they are and remind myself that it’s all perception. One human thing that binds us is, that no one’s life is perfect. Every single one of us sins, yes that even includes Pastors and leaders. We are all struggling with sin, one person’s sin will be different than another’s but it is still sin. I choose to try to remember (I am not perfect) that in different situations that I feel sinful (anger, irritation, etc) that I don’t know what that person has gone through or is currently going through in their life. As Christians what we do with our sin, in my opinion, is what sets us apart. I choose to acknowledge, continue to learn, and try to be better. We can grow stronger in giving grace to others, but He is the original grace-giver and perfecter. Giving grace to another person is simply to forgive them, unconditionally, just as God forgave us through Christ.

"Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." (Colossians 3:13, NIV)

For me, I continue to take time to reflect on my life, even the hard times, to remind myself of how much grace has and will continue to be given to me. It makes tough times now much easier to handle because I know what he has done for me already. Below are some of the verses that I refer to often when I need reminders of just how far I have come and just how much grace and love God has given me.

"But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me." (1 Corinthians 15:10)

"But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me." (2 Corinthians 12:9)

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God." (Ephesians 2:8)

Thank You

We want to thank Trinity Church for all the love that was poured out to Doris Bair. All of the prayers, cards, hugs, visits, and thoughts were really appreciated. The family was touched by all that participated and those that were able to attend her funeral. She really loved coming to Trinity church. The sermon, music and fellowship gave her so much joy. She was a real inspiration who was always smiling and loved the Lord, her family, Pastor Arun and his family and the Trinity Church family. We will really miss her. Well done good and faithful servant! Blessings, Doris Bair's family

LOVE AND LIGHT (PT. 2)

by Jamie Bream

This article is a continuation from the August 2024 Tidings.

2.) What does it sound like when that unconditional love is shattered? According to the composer, the sound of unconditional love shattering is a rapidly-moving, chaotic passage devoid of nearly all melodic material.¹ Balmages states: “I intentionally use the word “shattered” instead of “broken,” because unconditional love is never broken. But events in our lives do come along that shatter our emotions and cause tremendous amounts of pain”² Undoubtedly, Balmages would have spent time reflecting on the ultimate shattering of unconditional love - Jesus’ rejection and crucifixion by the very people He came to save - while composing this section of music, and the dissonant and tumultuous nature of the music could easily lend itself to any retelling of that day at Golgotha. Though we may go through difficult, heartbreaking, soul-crushing times in life, we can have hope in knowing that our Savior is able to relate to our pain, as Hebrews 4:15-16 states: “This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most”.

Please look for Part 3 of this article in the October 2024 Tidings.

1-Middleton, Ryan James. “A Guide To The Performance of Love and Light by Brian Balmages”. Master’s diss., Colorado State University, 2022, 32.

2- Wind Repertory Project. “Love and Light”. Wind Repertory Project, https://www.windrep.org/Love_and_Light

SECRET SISTERS

In July, the Secret Sisters held an ice cream social following prayer & a message on joy. Please be advised, the Secret Sisters meeting for Sept is canceled. We are looking forward to resuming monthly meetings this October.



THANKS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT VOLUNTEERS

Although our town received very heavy showers of rain and a thunderstorm, we had faithful volunteers do the best that they could even under those circumstances. If you volunteered at the event, please know that you are appreciated. Special thanks to Carol Crossley for coordinating the stall on Trinity’s behalf.

KEEPING MEMORIES WITH GRATITUDE

We will be introducing a slide/slides once a month in our announcement section online which will highlight the names of those in our congregation who are called home to be with the Lord. We also plan to include the names of those who contribute in honor of loved ones.

STAFF RESPONSIBILITY CHANGES

We are grateful to Nihal Andrews for leading Trinity’s online ministries since the pandemic. The Lord provided in a timely manner at that crucial time with Nihal’s skills to help Trinity move into our online ministry journey. In view of his other job and responsibilities, Nihal has requested reduction of his duties during the weekdays but will continue to serve in his present position on Sundays and in our special services. The staff parish and leadership teams have approved a widening of Jamie Bream’s role and responsibilities in additional areas (including some parts of what Nihal used to do). Appropriate compensation changes have been made w.e.f July 1, 2024. We are grateful to Jamie for his faithful work and pray for the Lord’s continued blessings on him and our growing ministries.

WALK-THROUGH PRAYER TIMES

At our walk-through prayer times, we are including voices of our ministry leaders/volunteers who had various ministries at Trinity to help us pray and feel the passion, burdens and challenges that we are engaged in as a church. If you have never come for a walk-through prayer time, would you consider joining Bishop Pauline Peifer and Pastor Arun, on Tuesday, September 24, at 6 p.m. Facebook Live prayer time on Tuesday, September 10, at 8 p.m.



**September 3 & 10
12:00 - 1:00 PM**

Needs:

**September 3 - bar cookies
September 10 - bundt cake**

All baked goods must kindly be at the church by 11:00 a.m. each Tuesday.

We are grateful to Carol Crossley who will continue to serve as the chair for this group. Volunteers are needed the 1st and 2nd Tuesday of each month. On the 2nd Tuesday of the month there must be a driver as Carol will not be volunteering that day. We could use a few more bakers as the lunch crowd has grown and we lost one of our faithful bakers.

THANK YOU to all the volunteers involved in National Night Out this year. Unfortunately the storm came just at six o'clock and due to the severity the event was cancelled. Many of Trinity folks showed up prepared to serve for whom I am so grateful. Fingers crossed for next year.



**Thursdays
10:30 AM - 12 PM
Lion and Lamb room**

**Celebrate from
Heart & Spirit
Bible Study**

The Believer's Authority:
Luke 10:19

Contact Cindy Durborow
717-574-0445



**September 19, 2024
Time: 9:00 - 10:30 AM**

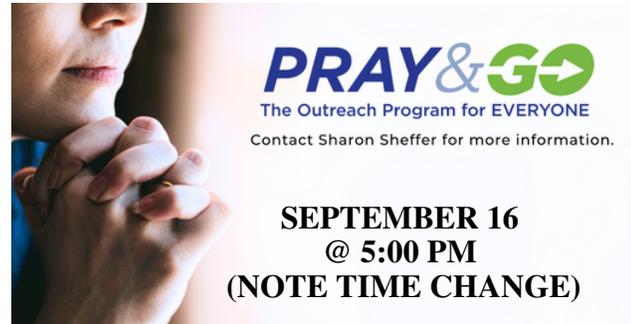
Children will be in school and we are in need of cereal, peanut butter, jelly, soups, etc. Food may be dropped off on distribution day or brought into church and put on the love box table in hallway. Thank you church family for donating and praying for the Love Box Ministry. Contact person: Carol Evertts 717-774-3207

FREE TRINITY LOVE BOXES



ASK PROGRAM W.S.S.D I want to thank you for all the food and monetary donations given over the last year. The Social Worker at WSSD states how the students look forward to the food donations and how much it is appreciated. The upcoming year will be coming up soon!!!

Please see the list of preferred food items on the A.S.K. table in the hallway. We look forward to your continued support to this endeavor. Thanks, Cathy Baum



PRAY & GO
The Outreach Program for EVERYONE
Contact Sharon Sheffer for more information.

**SEPTEMBER 16
@ 5:00 PM
(NOTE TIME CHANGE)**

Total of 1300 house have been covered.

If that date / time does not work for you and you want to walk with a partner(s) at another time, so as not to duplicate houses, please contact Sharon Sheffer 717-774-3137 (sesheffer@outlook.com) for where to Pray & Go. Once you walk, please e-mail Sharon with street and house numbers you covered. Any questions, please contact Sharon Sheffer, Coordinator of Pray & Go.

**ALL CHURCH ANNUAL
CALENDAR 2025**

To help us work even better together, leaders of all activities/ ministries are being requested to draw up a plan with dates for events/ programs/activity that they hope to organize in 2025. Please consult your teams and share your plans with dates and locations for the event/ program/ activity with us on or before October 31st, 2024. We will be sending out letter with details. In case you are a leader and don't get the letter, please contact Carol Wilson. Thank you. We are planning a calendar-makers retreat at the Bongiorno retreat center on Saturday, November 9th.

THE JOY OF DIVERSITY

Coffee fellowship has become a signature of our church's growing diversity in terms of ethnicity. In a recent brief observation presented to the Leadership Team and our worship committee, Pastor Arun observed how our demographics have changed. At Revive, we have 42.9% of individuals who are other than Caucasian. In the entire Trinity Church family, if we estimate those actively associated at the moment to 200, that would be 14.3%. For a church that was very homogenous in our cultural makeup until our 150th year, it is truly a joy to see how God has brought friends from African American, Hispanic and Indian ethnicities to join us. This is nothing but the work of God.



SUPPORTING GOD'S WORK AT TRINITY AND BEYOND

Did you know that Trinity supports or is actively engaged with nearly 40 ministries locally, nationally and internationally? When you give your offerings and tithes (one tenth of what we earn or receive as gifts), you are not only helping Trinity administer our programs of worship, fellowship, Christian nurture and education, intergenerationally, but also helping us to share God's love with people near and far. The Bible invites us as God's people to not only set aside offerings to God from His blessings, but the Bible challenges us about giving tithes to God for His work. Did you know that God says in Malachi 3:10, "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."

Pastor Arun reminisces how little kids in India would write colorful notes to God on their offering covers and include little sums of money which would be 1/10 of their birthday gifts or pocket money. God loves a cheerful giver. Thank you for your support to this ongoing ministry of leading people to the love of Jesus and leading people to loving Jesus. If you wish to have a dated offering envelope box that you can use year round, please contact Carol Wilson at the church office.

GRATITUDE TO OUR GUEST PREACHERS IN AUGUST

Pastor Arun is grateful to those whom he had invited to our pulpit during the month of August. We are grateful for the ministries of Rev. Dr. John Smith, Rev. Kenneth Meyer, Rev. Andrew Taylor. Pastor Arun is especially grateful to Bishop Pauline Peifer, Trinity's Discipleship Coordinator, for her overseeing of pastoral care with such a wonderful partnership with our Parish Nurse, Barbara Zimmerman while he was on vacation. Can't thank you all enough!

YOUTH REQUEST FOR SCARECROW STALL AT APPLE FESTIVAL

September 28th. We will really appreciate your contributions of clothing and material for the youth to use to make scarecrows, which will be sold to support ministries. Here is the list of used clothing/material you can contribute: colorful long-sleeved button-down shirts, jeans (small holes are okay!), neckties, belts, baseball hats and pantyhose (small runs are okay!).

Thank You

Thank you for all the prayers and cards during the recent loss of sister, Colleen Freedman. We know she is done suffering and in a much better place with our Lord. Thank you, John Mickle and family.

FALL DISCIPLESHIP BIBLE STUDIES

October 2 - November 20, 2024

Based on a survey taken at the conclusion of the Lenten Bible Studies, we will offer the following three studies for you to choose from. The eight Wednesday evenings will begin with Supper Fellowship all together from 5:00-6:15 p.m. The group studies will conclude at 7:30 p.m.

Group #1 - How to Study the Bible - led by Jan Ocamb

Have you ever wondered whether a passage of scripture should be interpreted literally or figuratively? Did you ever wonder if there is proof outside of the Bible for the people and events that are described in it? Or did you ever wonder if science and the Bible are compatible? We'll survey counter cultural evidence that supports the Bible being divinely inspired and explore archaeological discoveries that validate the Bible's authenticity. We'll consider testimonies from former non-believers as well as examine spiritual themes and learn about God's Special and General revelation. Most importantly, we'll investigate how the Old Testament works with the New Testament to reveal Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Come prepared to learn and be inspired as we survey the 1500 years of God's revelation to us in the Old and New Testaments.

Group #2 - Membership Class - taught by Pastor Arun Andrews

Interested in becoming a member of Trinity Church? Membership is a wonderful way to express your commitment to the Lord in our church family and to grow in your faith, fellowship and service. It also involves embracing and being embraced by a loving community of God's people. We invite you to join Pastor Arun in a new members series based on Tom Rainer's book, "I am a Church member" (books will be provided). Enjoy sweet fellowship, getting to know others who are interested in membership and learn more about Trinity's heart and mission. It promises to be a time of renewing your faith and finding your spot in God's family. To know more contact Pastor Arun or Bishop Pauline.

Group #3 - Experiencing Hope in the Midst of Life's Challenges - led by Bishop Pauline Peifer

At every season of life, whether as a young adult, busy mom, career specialist, or retired grandpa, life has its challenges. Each session's teaching will address a different challenge including study of a Bible character who experienced that challenge along with additional small group discussion and practical applications. Sessions include: *Walking the Unknown Journey with Hope*, *Hope in the Midst of Stress and Discouragement*, *Finding Hope as you let go of Fear and Anger*, *Hope after Mistakes and Misunderstandings*, *Hope that Brings Contentment and Resilience*, *Hope that Blossoms in the Midst of Loss*, *Leaving a Legacy of Hope*, *The Hope of Heaven*

We hope you will consider attending these Wednesday evening seminars in October and November. As a disciple of Jesus, give your spiritual life a boost. Look for sign up sheets located on the tables outside the Sanctuary and inside the Fellowship Hall. You can also sign up at www.trinityonbridge.com or call the church office. Indicate which study group you would like to attend. If you have any questions about these discipleship opportunities, please contact the leader of the group or Pauline Peifer, Discipleship Coordinator.

GRANDPARENTS IN PRAYER

Grandparents in Prayer sessions will begin the day after Grandparents Day, **September 9th** from 10:45 a.m. - 12 p.m. We meet in the St. Johns Room, the room inside to the left of the main doors.

Has God placed a burden on your heart to pray for your grandchildren? Come and join together as we support one another in prayer. We will use the resource book, *The Power of a Praying Grandparent* by Stormie Omartian. This is a prayer group in which we spend time in guided prayer. Grandfathers and grandmothers are both a part of this group. Contact Beth Sider (717-802-2812) with questions.

DUTIES FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

	GREETERS	WORSHIP LEADERS	CHILDREN'S TALK	ALTAR GUILD
SEPT 1	Barb Coulter	Debbie Sisk	No Children's Talk	Allyn Litzelman
SEPT 8	Kathy Wintermyer	Sandy Williams	Kaylynn and Angel Snyder	
SEPT 15	Tom & Yvonne James	Revive Worship Team	Gen Lupold	
SEPT 22	Donald Gray	Matt Ickler	Marissa Gable	
SEPT 29	John & Barb Mickle	Linda Klitch	John Mickle	
	USHERS	9:15 NURSERY	11:00 NURSERY	
SEPT 1	Daryl Potteiger, Rex Hood	Jan Snyder, Allyn Litzelman	Nancy Turner, Tracey Williams	
SEPT 8	Rex Hood, Gordon Taylor	Jan Snyder, Nina Stoner	Jane Gable, Melissa St Cyr	
SEPT 15	Gordon Taylor, Matt Ickler	10 AM Combined: Jan Snyder, Millie Walters		
SEPT 22	Michelle Meckley, Mike DiMatteo	Jan Snyder	Sandy Williams, Betty Caboot	
SEPT 29	Matt Ickler	Jan Snyder, Dianne Schofield	Jan Ocamb, Jane Gable	

**SEPTEMBER
BIRTHDAYS**

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Communion	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 11:30 AM DDB	4 12 PM FB Live Music 6 PM Youth Group	5 10 AM So N' Sews 10:30 AM Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (LL)	6	7
8 12 PM Starfish Ministry	9 10:45 AM Grandparent's in Prayer	10 10 AM Tuesday Morning Group 11:30 AM DDB 8 PM Facebook Live Prayer	11 12 PM FB Live Music 6 PM Youth Group	12 10:30 AM Celebrate from Heart & Spirit (LL)	13 TIDINGS DEADLINE	14
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE
 8:15 - Adult Sunday School
 9:15 - Traditional Worship
 10:30 - Coffee Fellowship
 11:00 - Revive Worship and Children's Sunday School



MIDWEEK MUSIC
 PRAISE & PRAYER
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 WEDNESDAYS @ 12 PM

FACEBOOK LIVE PRAYER TIME ONLINE

DATE	TIME	LEADER	TOPIC
September 10	8 PM	Genevieve Lupold	Praying together. Sharing & caring.

WALK THROUGH PRAYER TIMES

DATE	TIME	LEADER	TOPIC
September 24	6 PM	Rev. Arun Andrews	Praying for lives to be transformed

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Dated Material

**FORWARDING SERVICE
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Please submit articles for the
October 2024 Trinity Tidings by **September 13th.**

**SEPTEMBER 8
12:00 - 1:30 P.M.**

STARFISH MINISTRIES



Contact Carol Crossley
for more information.

Well, Hurricane Debby did us no favors; especially to our friends on the street. At our August outreach we served 112 folks. By the end of our hour we had run out of most supplies, groceries, hot food, clothing, etc. We handed out 14 tents with a remaining request/needs list of 5 tents, 17 sleeping bags and many tarps. Special requests included are XL overalls, lanterns, a fan, an adult size woman's bike and a pillow. We basically will be starting over with needs of EVERYTHING. Especially needed are women's clothing size S, M, L. Nothing larger. It's time for us to begin thinking of cooler weather so sweatshirts and sweatpants, jeans, lightweight jackets and leggings are among the needed items. Also Shoes! We typically take 3-4 bins of shoes and we came back with 4 pair. So sneakers and boots are really needed as well. Let's pray that we are done with hurricanes and severe rain to make life in a tent a bit easier.

Starfish Ministries has partnered with Community Aid. At any time you make a donation to any Community Aid store you might consider using our Partner No. which is 50218 There are small cards on the table across from the mailboxes with our number on it. It's one more way to support Starfish!