# September 2013

# Trinity Press



## Fall Back to Church

# Sunday Worship Services

9:00 am Family-Friendly

Contemporary

10:30 am Spanish Language

11:00 am Blended/Traditional

Child care at all Worship Services

Nursery (0-2.5) — Room 11

Preschool (2.5 to K) - Room 10

Sunday School Classes

Grades K-5 - Rooms 4, 5, and 6

# Homecoming Sunday September 15

#### Worship

9:00 am Contemporary in

Sanctuary and Café

10:30 am Spanish Lang in Café

11:00 am Traditional/Blended in Sanctuary with Choir

Sunday School Begins 9:00 & 11:00

Nursery and Preschool

K - Fifth Grades

Adult Bible Study 10:15 am

Midpoint (MS Youth) 6:30 pm

#### Wednesdays

1:00 Midweek Bible Study

5:00 Trinity LIGHTS

6:30 Grace Night

6:30 HS Youth

6:30 Latino Ministry

#### Thursdays

5:30 Prayer Ministry

7:00 Choir Practice

8:00 Praise Team Practice



#### TREASURES IN HEAVEN

E-Mail

Remember the story of the young man who went to Jesus to ask him what to do in order to receive eternal life? Jesus said he should follow the commandments, which the man said he had done since his youth. So Jesus told the young man to sell everything that he had, and then he would have treasure in heaven. (See Luke 18:18-23)

This story always bothered me! I don't want to sell everything that I have! I have a house, two cars, a TV, a computer, furniture.... and no... <u>not</u> my power tools! I love those! Does Jesus want me to sell those? And what am I supposed to do with the money?

I once heard a theologian talk about us abiding in God and God abiding in us. (1 John 4:16) This made me think about the rich young man in the story above. He was not able to abide in Jesus because his possessions were more important. He valued what he owned more than having the opportunity to live with and follow Jesus!

Now that is something that I definitely don't want.... A life with power tools and no Jesus. But how do I give up everything I own in order to follow Jesus?

If I abide in God, God will abide in me. In other words, if everything that I have belongs to God, then everything that God has belongs to me.

Therefore, there is no sacrifice in giving to God. My tithes and my offerings seem so small to me now that I know that when I give to God, He gives to me what belongs to Him! Ten percent is not enough! I will give God everything I have... my house, even my power tools, even my very life! Because I know that if I abide in God, God will abide in me.

Do you seek eternal life? Does the thought of having treasure in heaven appeal to you? Do you long to abide in God and to have God abide in you? It's easy. All it costs is everything you have! God has already given us everything He has.

Something to think about...

**Pastor Eric** 

#### **ESQUINA LATINA -- LATINO CORNER -- SEPTEMBER 2013**



#### CHANGE OF VENUE FOR SPANISH WORSHIP

\* IN THE CAFÉ \*

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2013, 10:30 AM** 

Most of you already know David Contto, leader of our Spanish-language service. Here's a picture of him in our current worship space, which has been a blessing for us during the time we have been there. But now there are two facts that make it necessary for us to move to another space: (1) we are growing out of Rooms 4-5-6, and (2) Trinity needs Rooms 4-5-6 for Sunday School!

This change was proposed by the Worship Committee and approved by Session. The plan is for us to worship in the Café. We would set it up at 10:00-ish, after it has been vacated by people who used it as an alternate worship space during the first service. We will start our service at 10:30 am. This means we will end just before noon. In that way, both English- and Spanish-speaking services will get out at the same time. We hope this will facilitate more, mingling, fellowship and therefore, help us get to know one another better!

We are so thankful for what God is doing at Trinity, and look forward to a fruitful fall season. We can't wait to see what the Holy Spirit is going to do among us as we kick off this next phase in our adventure together!

GRACIAS A DIOS! Nos movemos al Café para nuestra adoración en español. Comenzando... el DOMINGO, 15 DE SEPTIEMBRE, a las 10:00 de la mañana. Le damos gracias a Dios por el crecimiento que El nos está dando. Habrá lugar para más personas en el Café, y tendremos el gusto de tener compañerismo con nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Cristo de habla inglesa, después del culto.

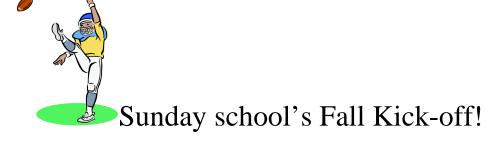
In the love of Christ - en el amor de Cristo Pastora Tina 916-995-5105 - and the Latino Steering Team: David and Carmen Contto, Arturo and Lina Jimenez, Claudia Rolón-García and Diego and Angeles Camarotta

#### **SESSION HIGHLIGHTS**

At the regular meeting of Session on August 20, 2013, the following actions were taken and reports were heard:

- o Regretfully accepted Gary Younglove's resignation as elder.
- o Approved Esther Ehrlich to review the church books on a monthly basis.
- Approved the motion from Worship to move the Latino worship service to the Café at 10:30 AM beginning September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Approved the motion from Worship to purchase a new soundboard for the sanctuary.
- Approved the proposal from Connect and Equip for Operation Kids Kristmas.

Cora Hocker - Clerk of Session



We've missed some of our friends in Sunday school this summer! We hope you'll join us on *Back-to-Church Sunday* to kick-off our fall quarter of classes.

We'll have games, crafts, stories and more!

Preschoolers – aged 4 and under are in the preschool room off the Café at both worship services.

At 9:00 – kids ages 5 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade meet in rooms 4 – 6. At 11:00 – kids ages 5 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade meet in room 4, and kids in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades meet in room 6.

If you, or your older child, are interested in being helpers in a class, please contact Sue Goodwin (717-5299).

#### Children's Hand Chime Choir



We will be starting a children's hand chime choir in September. Children in grades 2-8 are invited to join us on Mondays after school at the church at 3:00 p.m., beginning Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. We will be learning how to play the chimes, how to read music, and a lot about teamwork. Students will be asked to commit to weekly practices from September through Christmas time. We will celebrate all that we learn with a performance in church during Advent. If you are interested, or have questions, please contact Lori Schlunegger at 916-375-0776, or by email at <a href="mailto:lorileanne07@hotmail.com">lorileanne07@hotmail.com</a>. Keep an eye on the bulletins and weekly blasts for more details.

# **September Birthdays**

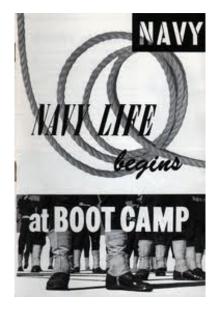


Laura Singh	4	Marilyn Allen	19
Abby Morazzini	6	Robb Perrine	19
Bobby Hocker	10	Carol Onalfo	20
Lori Schlunegger	10	Isabella Backus	21
John Painter	11	Ethel Hayes	22
Gabriel Kojima	12	Katie Hansen	23
Joe Faith	14	Jeanie Drummond	24
Sue Stockdale	14	Evelyn Rose	24
Judy Coogan	15	Lee Wallinder	26
Emily Serrao	15	Ron Raglen	30
Rhianna Eads	18		

## Greetings,

Trinity Youth Ministry would like to thank all those who signed up to donate a dessert for our youth's birthday month. Our Youth truly appreciated them and were surprised by the birthday party in July. On Friday, August 2, 2013, our Youth Ministry went to the movies to see *The Wolverine* and it was free-of-charge for those youth who qualified. The qualifications were: attending Wednesday night Bible study regularly and abiding by our Youth Covenant Agreement. We encourage all youth to come out on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm to be a part of our Youth bible study. We thank God for what is taking place. Please continue to keep the entire Youth Ministry in your prayers!

The Youth Ministry



Shawn Singh is in Navy Boot camp and would love cards and letters from our Trinity Family. He'll be there until September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013. His contact information is provided below.

SR Singh, Shawn R.
Ship 12 Div. 359
Recruit Training Command
3515 Sailor Drive
Great Lakes, IL 60088-3515

Blessings,

Proud Mom Laura Singh

#### **Fast Bible Facts**

- The Christian Bible consists of the Old Testament (OT) and New Testament (NT)
- "Bible" comes from Latin biblia, meaning "books"
- The word "testament" means "covenant"
- The Bible has 66 books
- The Bible was written by many different authors writing in many different times and places
- The Bible was written from about 1450 BC to 100 AD
- The Bible contains many literary genres poetry, myth, wisdom literature, prophecy, letters, narratives
- The Bible was the first book to be printed, in 1454
- Miles Coverdale published the first English translation of the entire Bible in 1535
- The Bible has been translated into over 2,000 languages
- The longest book in the Bible is Psalms
- The shortest book in the Bible is 2 John
- The longest verse in the Bible is Esther 8:9
- The shortest verse in the Bible is John 11:35



# Join us for "T-lights"!

(Trinity – Living Intentionally Getting Healthier Through the Spirit)

Do you need help forming healthier habits? Are you trying to lose weight, exercise more or live a healthier life in general? Then please consider joining us for "T-lights" each Wednesday evening from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in room 6. We start with a scriptural "food for thought" and support each other in reaching our health goals.

We'd love to have you join us on the journey!

Call Sue Goodwin (717-5299) if you have questions.

## John and Shirley Robinson 80th Birthday Reception

You are invited to an open reception for John and Shirley as they celebrate their 80<sup>th</sup> birthdays. Come celebrate with them by being present. Dress is casual and no gifts please. The date and time are listed below.

Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m

Here at Trinity in the Cafe

For more information please contact David Robinson or Elena Casey at (916) 273-0261 or <a href="mailto:ecastrob@yahoo.com">ecastrob@yahoo.com</a>.

## The School Bus Has Departed; See You Next Year!



Dearest Trinity Family and Friends, thank you so much for the school supplies and the beautiful backpacks. Once again, we had a successful campaign and were able to lovingly prepare 49 backpacks for Riverbank Elementary and 24 backpacks for our Trinity families. Many of you donated school supplies, backpacks, time and energy to make this all come together. Some of you worked quietly behind-the-scenes for us as prayer warriors, praying that we would be provided what we needed.

Thank you to the prayer warriors, anonymous contributors, and those listed below.

Marilyn and Buck Allen, Barbara Amick, Ester Barnes, Don and Linda Brooks, Judi Chiboucas, Will and Gloria Curtis, the Custodio family, Cathy and Dale Davis, Terri Davis, Clara Evans, Jane Gentry, Joe and Nola Goeden, Sue Goodwin, Carla Hanson, Cliff and Ethel Hayes, Rhonda Hensley, Cora Hocker, Karla Rasmussen, Metha McDavid, Karen Metcalf, , Kaleena Perez, Andreya Mercado, Darrell and Joy Ann Merwin, Pete Martinez, Emily Oren, Debby Staley, Vi Taylor, Myrna and Errol Summy, Pat Terry, Pastora Tina Torres, Lew and Linda Whitney, Kami Rasmussen, Russell King, Kathy and Ken Trott, Karen Smith, Nancy Henrikson, Jill Thom, Barbara Leach, Lisa and Rob Rankin, Shirley Robinson, Maxine Harper, Jen Keller, Anna Perrine, Laura Singh, Claudia Garcia, Andrea Kojima, Melody Anderson, and Pat Fritchie.

Jane Gentry

# **Back-to-Church Sunday**

Back-to-Church Sunday is a strategically-designed campaign to help churches reach out and invite people to church. This powerful movement encourages church attendance by inspiring and empowering church members to invite their neighbors, friends and loved ones to a special Sunday service designed just for them. This movement began in 2009, and in 2012 over 13,000 churches participated nationwide in the movement. Participating churches saw an average increase in attendance of 38% on that day!

Did you know that as recently as May, 2013, a Gallop Poll was conducted and 75% of Americans polled said it would be positive for American society if more Americans were religious? And when people were asked why they do not attend church, one of the overwhelming responses was because <u>no one asked them!</u> Given these facts, we know Trinity can make a difference in 2013.

Mark your calendars for Fall *Back-to-Church Sunday*, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Please make a difference by inviting a neighbor, friend, or loved one to this exciting day of praise, worship and fellowship here at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Then remember to continue to invite them back!

# Join us September 15, 2013 for Back to Church Sunday!





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#### Trinity's Vision Statement

Trinity Church is a Spirit-filled, loving, and life transforming community of believers, who experience Jesus Christ and grow in faith together, challenging each other to serve with compassion and creativity. In response to God's grace, we bring the hope of life in Jesus Christ to the community and the world, inviting them to join us on this journey of discipleship.

