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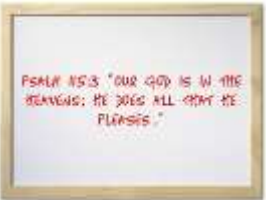
Pastor's Pen
A Purpose Like This

*"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."
(Romans 8:28 ESV)*



If God is as sovereign as the Bible teaches, then we must believe that every season and circumstance of our life bears some purpose in God's unfolding plan through us.

Wow! Now that is a bold statement, don't you think? There are two main criticisms we often make against such a claim about God's sovereignty and our circumstances. First, we claim that God must not be as sovereign as we've been taught because things don't seem to work out in my life the way the Bible describes. Second, we claim that no one is in a position to ascribe or take away value from the circumstances of my life. Basically it boils down to this... God is not the God we read about or have been taught about in the Bible, or my life has what meaning I give to it! The trouble is this: it is as equally bold to claim one of these as it is to believe that God is sovereign.



All this hair-splitting does have point. It has now been three years since my family and I were warmly welcomed into your family called the Trinity Presbyterian Church. As I look back over these three years, amid some up's and some down's, amid some joy's and some sorrow's, there is one element that has remained constant throughout: God's sovereignty!

Almost 60 years have passed since Trinity Presbyterians Church was commissioned as a congregation and Presbyterians began gathering to worship God in this part of Louisville. Over these decades many triumphs, trials, and tribulations have been encountered. But through it all, there is a sovereign God who rules and reigns and redeems His people. In our day, we are simply continuing to walk in this rich heritage, one that extends back throughout history: from the Great Awakenings of the 18th and 19th centuries, to the Protestant Reformation, to the peace of Rome in 315 AD, to Pentecost, to the empty tomb, to the cross, to the stable, further back to God's first promise in Genesis 3:15, even to the beginning of time when God said, "Let there be light."



We are people of God's promise. May that truth and reality be what shapes and gives meaning to our lives and our circumstances. May the God who fulfilled all His promises in Jesus Christ rule and reign over us as His humble people.

Gathered by His grace,

Pastor Steve



Children

Children's Sunday School – This class is designed for young children ages 3 through 5th grade and our youth grades 6th through 12th. Children are invited and welcomed to Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. downstairs in classroom # 3. We explore God's word through a guided curriculum, engage in God's word through studying and reflection of the message, and further explore through stimulating activities. We are currently studying through *Faith Alive*.

Children's Church - A special time of worship for children during the 11:00 a.m. service. Parents with children ages 3 through 5th grade are encouraged to have your children join us for a special time of worship during the 11:00 a.m. service. Children begin with Children's time each Sunday in the sanctuary. During the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month, Children Grades 1-5 are encouraged to attend the Young Explorer's Class in the Library. Nursery is available for younger children every Sunday. During this time, children will continue with praise & worship, learn about God's Word, and engage in related activities.

Youth Group- Youth ministry is more than programs and events. Our purpose and goal is to reach out to the young people of our church and community to know the grace and love of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We meet every Friday at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. The youth will be encouraged to have a greater sense of their community by engaging in community service activities. We will also plan to have weekly studies and application of God's Word, monthly youth outings, lock-ins, and other activities that will drive our youth to come closer with one another and most importantly closer to our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

Adult

Sunday School

Adult II Sunday School - Meets in the Library, under the leadership of Betty Muse. Studying *The Present Word*, Uniform Series published by the PCUSA. The study involves a direct Bible Study, understanding the Bible in relation to our lives and life experiences and developing an awareness of God's love through his son, Jesus Christ.

Koinonia Sunday School - Meets in the parlor, under the leadership of Reverend Bob Williams-Neal. Drawn from a spectrum of Trinity members, this class offers you a lively, in-depth exploration of Scripture. In the past we have studied *Acts, Galatians, Daniel* and now we are engaging *Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther*. The class is an open gathering of people with different perspectives and insights and you are invited to join in. *Koinonia* makes use of one or two resource books and information for other sources. Of course, the class is more than just study. "Koinonia" means community and that is what you are invited to be a part of: a gathering of people who study, pray, and grow together. Come in. There is always a seat open.

Men's Sunday School - Meets downstairs in classroom #4. This men's only class has open discussion about God's Word. This class is designed to reach out to men and to effectively help grow through the grace and knowledge of God's Word. We study the Bible to find strength and courage in supporting one another in our daily walk with God. Seeking in prayer and fellowship, we seek to pursue true Biblical principles regarding our leadership as men in the home, church, and the community. Currently, study is in *What We Hold in Common as Presbyterians* and *What Are the Essential Doctrines of Christians*.

Women's Sunday School - Meets downstairs in classroom #6, under the leadership of Jeanette Priebe. The purpose of this class is to bring women together to support one another in building their faith in Jesus Christ. Through our discussions and our prayer time together, we have developed a real love for each other and would love to have you join in as we journey together. This is a fun-loving group of women who empowers and encourages each other. They will be studying *Prayer* by Phillip Yancy.

Small Groups

Men's Small Group- On the first and third Tuesday of each month, the men of Trinity gather together for coffee, fellowship, and an appetite for the Bible. We meet at Wild Eggs restaurant off of English Station Rd. at 8:30 a.m. Our study and time together will be a tremendous encouragement to grow as a godly man. Study is in the **Life of David through 2 Samuel**.

The Quest- Our goal is to empower the younger generations to seek Christ in their lives through the study of God's Word and Biblical truth. We invite all young adults and those young at heart who earnestly seek to grow in Christ. We offer a time to deeply encounter God and some fun and fellowship. Come join us in an interactive time to learn about God in a personal way! We are currently studying *A Quest for More, Living for Something Bigger than You* by Paul Tripp. We gather downstairs in classroom #3 on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m..

Christian Education

~ Janice Kim



With a successful Fall Kick-Off, we are excited about what God is and will be doing at TPC. Continue to join us for WoW Wednesday, Sunday School, Children's Church, and the many opportunities to connect at TPC.

New studies have started with our small groups. The Quest will be diving into a new study by Paul Tripp's book *A Quest for More: Living for Something Bigger Than You*. Our Sunday School Women's group is studying Max Lucado's *Before Amen: The Power of a Simple Prayer*. Our Men's small group continues their study in 1 Samuel and the life of David. Our Men's Sunday School is learning a two part series: A study of "What We Hold in Common as Presbyterians," and "What Are the Essential Doctrines of Christians." Our Koinonia Sunday School is studying the books of *Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther*. Our Senior Saints in the Adult Sunday school uses the curriculum, *The Present Word*, Uniform Series published by the PCUSA. We encourage you to get connected.



Our Youth Group will have an opportunity to serve the community. We will participate in the Fall Community-Wide Cleanup on Saturday, October 21st. We will meet at church by 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be served. We will also be preparing for the Fall Festival and praying for our community. (No Youth Group meeting on Friday, October 21st)

TRINITY'S FALL FESTIVAL

***You're invited to the Trinity Presbyterian Church
FALL FESTIVAL!***



**Enjoy Free Hot Dogs, Chips, Popcorn, Cotton Candy,
Dilly Bars, Music, Games, Inflatable, Cornhole
Tournament, Pottery & Bake Sale, & much more!**

Children are encouraged to wear costumes!

Where: Trinity Presbyterian Church
10200 Shelbyville Road

When: Sunday, October 22nd

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

*We are requesting candy donations for our Fall Festival.
We will be grateful for candy donations even up to the date of the
fall festival, October 22nd. You may drop it off at the church office.*

*Children are encouraged to wear their favorite costume and
bring a bucket to our Fall Festival on October 22nd from 4-6 p.m.*

Acts 14:17 Nevertheless, he hasn't left himself without a witness.
He has blessed you by giving you rain from above as well as seasonal harvests,
and satisfying you with food and happiness.



Fellowship opportunity

It's Fall Y'all!

**Please join your TPC family for a
Hayride, Bonfire, & S'mores**



Saturday, October 7th
5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
Cedar Ridge Camp
4010 Old Routt Road

Look for a sign- up sheet on the Fellowship Bulletin board. Fun for all Ages!

Thank you

*The Deacons would like to thank the congregation
for your support of our summer Lemonade Stand.*

*We hope everyone had a chance to enjoy the treats and
time of fellowship. We especially thank all those
who brought in fruit, herbs and vegetables to share.*



***WE WANT TO BE YOUR CHURCH HOME!
PLEASE JOIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY FOR WORSHIP!***

MISSIONS OF TRINITY

Faith & art

~ Candy Wheat

Please don't forget to check out our pottery at the TreeHouse.

We have a lot going on in the Center so stop by and see our fall pottery.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

MISSION **On the move!**

Fall Festival October 22nd

- Donated baked goods are needed for the OCC table. 100% proceeds are used for shipping costs of shoe boxes
- COME HELP us weave a sleeping mat (made from our collected grocery bags). It will be donated to Fed by Faith for the homeless community

WoW OCC Packing Party November 1st

- COME HELP us fill shoe boxes!!!!
- BRING fun toys, hygiene items, school supplies, flip flops.
- NO candy, tennis balls, toothpaste, stuffed animals

Eastern Area Community Ministries

Seeking women to serve as mentors for two wonderful and highly motivated Helping Hands Partnership (HHP) participants.
They are ready to begin working with a mentor today!

Benefits include:

- Ability to serve on your schedule.
- The great feeling that comes with helping someone in need.
- Opportunity to share your gifts and experiences.

Requirements:

- Must be able to meet with mentee once weekly by phone and once monthly in person.
- Completion of application and \$20 background check.
- Completion of HHP Mentor Training (one day).

Contact Bert Lundstrom or call Rebekah Davis at 426-2824, x301 for details.

Minute for mission

Stand Down/Project Homeless Connect (10/4)



The Coalition for the Homeless, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and Metro Louisville invite you to join us at Stand Down/Project Homeless Connect on Wednesday, 10/4/17, at Salvation Army (located at the old Male High School, [911 S. Brook Street](#)).

Stand Down/Project Homeless Connect is an annual one-day resource fair that connects 600 homeless veterans and others with services they need, including healthcare, housing assistance, official IDs, clothing, food, job resources, and more.

Again this year, we are looking for volunteers and donors to help us serve the less fortunate.

Hold a donation drive for towels, socks, backpacks, and washcloths: contact Melissa at mkratzer@louhomeless.org.

Volunteer to wash feet: contact Natalie at nharris@louhomeless.org.

Volunteer to guide homeless clients to available services: contact Melinda Collett at (502) 287-4175.

Thanks so much for your compassion.

At long last we have rescheduled **“My Dog Eats First”** for the October 4th WoW Mission program. Come and hear about this unique program.



The Mission Committee will be providing a soup meal and the **cost** is a donation from the “My Dog Eats First” wish list:

- Dog/Cat Food - Wet and Dry
- Heavy Duty Storage Bins (for our foodbank, to keep the mice out)
- Zip Lock Bags (1 or 2 Gallon and Sandwich Size Zip lock Bags)
- Cat Litter
- Animal Food Dishes & Water Bowls
- Collars/Leashes & Harnesses of ALL sizes
- New or GENTLY USED (clean) fleece blankets



There will be also a “hands-on” project assembling fleece blankets for *My Dog Eats First*

Don't forget to sign-up on the WoW/Fellowship board, so we have plenty of soup for everyone



God's FIRST RESPONDERS



Daily, the news stories capture our attention: public servants, some paid, some volunteer who respond to emergencies of every type. Outwardly, they are known by their bright and well-recognized garb: hats, boots, coats that identify these persons as First Responders in times of great need. We applaud their successes and mourn with their families and communities when some make the ultimate sacrifice to save the lives of others.

In the local church community, we have the opportunity to learn to be First Responders, offering the generosity of God. This generosity was revealed when God gave the world Jesus Christ. God's Son expresses the depth of God's generosity. Like those who are trained for work in perilous circumstances, God calls us to be fearless in our living, our giving and our service.

The church community is the primary place for cultivating an attitude and practice of generosity. Here we are taught what it means to be stewards of all that we have. Here we are taught how to give or offer the time, spiritual gifts, skill sets, and finances with which we have been entrusted.

Giving is our response to the generosity that we have received from God. We are to give of ourselves and the resources that we have. We are to give fearlessly and freely and not with an attitude of scarcity.

In the midst of economic and life uncertainties, it can be tempting to permit fear to control and influence the resources that we have. Such fear can lead some of us to believe that we must hold on to our resources. This attitude and mindset can and will lead to stress, uncertainty, and a distorted view of God. Jesus said, "Pay attention to what you hear; the measure you give will be for the measure you get, and still more will be given you. For to those who have, more will be given; and from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away" (Mark 4:24-25, NRSV).

Paul reminds us that we "cannot begin to think or imagine" how this God in whom we trust will work through us and through the church to accomplish God's will in the world, now and in the future. It is our church community that corporately expresses the generous nature of our God to a world that hungers to see an alternative to the imaginations of fear and scarcity.

Let us live, give, and serve fearlessly as God's First Responders. May we be well known and recognized as carriers of God's grace-filled generosity to a world in need!

Adapted from *GIVING* magazine by Rev. Michelle Cobb



OCTOBER birthdays



10-2 Emily Hacker
10-7 Martha Warrick
10-9 Melissa Weaver
Killian Mullin
10-12 Devon Williams-Neal
10-14 Mike Stevens
10-15 Bhakta Chetty
Deb Kelly
BarD' Peoples

10-18 Carol Hartmann
10-20 Greta Bushue
Jack Kelly
10-25 Deanna Smith
10-28 Dennis Miller
Larry Watts
10-30 Elizabeth Latham
Paul Hollensead
Dean Perry
10-31 Linda Jones



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Trinity Presbyterian welcomes all visitors who are seeking to find Christ in their lives! Our regular Sunday morning services are at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Nursery and Children's church provided!