



# TRINITY TIMES

"Your Neighborhood Church"

May 2018

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## Pastor's Pen

### Pursuing Your Greatest Joy

*"Let the people praise you, O God; let all the people praise you!" (Psalm 67:3)*



What is the one thing you enjoy doing the most? Who is that one person you most enjoy being around? What one place would you drop everything to visit? There are so many ways to answer questions such as these. At the heart of each of them is this: What brings you the greatest joy?

joy

Few of us live our lives aware of such a core and guiding hunger. We live for innumerable bleak and deficient causes: money, sex, fame, spouse, stuff. In our darkened state we have lost sight of that One for whom we were made, and the One to whom we owe all things. Those old and ancient Christians understood this well. Reflecting upon that end for which we were made, Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758) said this:

*"I felt an ardency of soul to be... emptied and annihilated; to lie in the dust and be full of Christ alone; to love Him with a holy and pure love; to trust in Him; to live upon Him; to serve and follow Him; and to be perfectly sanctified and made pure, with a divine and heavenly purity."*

(Jonathan Edwards, "Remarkable Revival of Religion", in 1734, and 1735)

Perhaps this sounds to lofty, to high or unattainable to seek after. Yet, to seek after anything less than God is to settle for anything less than that for which we were made!

Again, in the words and wisdom of those who have set for us an example to follow, may you and I be challenged to seek Christ in this way:

*"God so made us that in praising, thanking, loving, and serving him, we find our own supreme happiness and enjoyment of God in a way that otherwise we would not and could not do. We reach our highest enjoyment of God in and by glorifying him, and we glorify him supremely in and by enjoying him. In fact, we enjoy him most when we glorify him most, and vice versa." (John Piper, A God-Entranced Vision of All Things, p. 82)*

Pursuing Christ, who is our lasting joy,  
Pastor Steve



devotional ~ Barbara Sheeler

## Don't look back!

A year after my husband died, I was still unsettled and wondering just what it was that I was to do the rest of my life. Nine months after he died I moved to Louisville, Ky from Rochester, NY. Mainly to get away from the cold, snowy winters and to be with family. It was a decision we were all sure was from God, confirmed, I thought, when the house sold in a week for a price much higher than I asked. But now, 6 months later, I was wondering what I am to do. I had essentially left my life behind and didn't know what to do. I was literally crying out to God. If Wayne were still alive...if I were still in Rochester...I would know. In Luke 9, Jesus says, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." If But now, what?

Sitting in my room, reading my Bible lesson, praying and studying scripture, I read a sentence that said, "don't look back."

If we want to be effective in the kingdom of God, we can't keep looking back. We need to leave the past in the past to be able to walk forward in God's purpose for our lives. Just as Paul states in Philippians 3..." forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead.

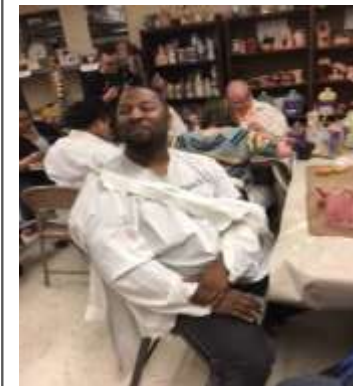
Just as I had settled the need to stop looking back, stop wishing things were as they were before, I ran into the thought - but doesn't scripture tell us to 'remember'? How do we forget and remember? So back to scripture I went. Back I go to my favorites...the Psalms. Psalm 77:11, "I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your wonders of old."

We forget or let go of the things in our past, we can't relive them, but we can remember, remember what God did for us through them. And in that remembering what God did for us "back then" we can go forward trusting Him to continue to be faithful in His steadfast love fulfilling His purpose through us.

Oh, Lord, help me to know the difference between looking back and remembering. That I may use my memories of how you have worked in and through my life to further your kingdom and inspire others.

FAITH & aRT ~ Candy Wheat

## Artist of the Month Tavon Reed



Tavon, 33, works at UPS. Tavon has been coming to the Center for 5 years with Apple Patch. He said his favorite thing about pottery is just being able to be here and getting to create his own art.

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~ Janice Kim

**VBS 2018**

Exciting Praise & Worship  
Arts & Crafts  
Games Science  
Yummy Snacks and More!  
Fun Activity Last Day of VBS!

Day 1: Live like you know God is with you!  
Day 2: Live like God has a plan for you!  
Day 3: Live like Jesus is alive!

**AMPED**

**LIVE FULLY ALIVE!**

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

**MAY 25TH - MAY 27TH**

**May 25th - 26th**  
6pm-9pm

**May 27th**  
3pm-9pm

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## Mission

**Love St**   
**MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>**  
at the corner of Campbell & Washington

The Love Street Shop is a bi-annual pop-up store that allows Louisville's homeless to shop for needed items in a safe, caring environment for FREE!  
A free hot lunch is provided to shoppers and volunteers!

We accept these donations on site between 8:30am & Noon:

- SUMMER clothing for men, women, and children (clothing should be new or gently used, and clean)
- Socks and underwear (must be new)
- Backpacks and bags
- Non-perishable food
- Tents, tarps, camping gear, sterno, and blankets
- Personal care items such as toothbrushes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, liquid soap, baby wipes, toilet paper, band-aids, q-tips, female sanitary items, safety razors, hair brushes, combs, lotion and sunscreen.

 WE NEED YOU, volunteers and company sponsors!  
Connect with Love Street Shop on Facebook.

Thank you for sharing your love!

 We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit, grateful to be sponsored by



### Compassionate Creations is hosting workshops on making Sleeping Mats

at My Dog Eats First  
2509 Portland Ave

### The 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the Month

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

May 26, June 23, July 28,  
Aug 25, Sept 22 & Oct 27

[https://  
www.facebook.com/502mats4homeless/](https://www.facebook.com/502mats4homeless/)

# MISSION

Mission committee would like to thank all of our Trinity family for supporting the Wow Mission programs and all of the generous donations this past year. We invite you to join the committee. We meet the 4th Sunday each month after the 11:00 a.m. service. Bring your ideas or check out our bulletin board for upcoming events.

## May birthdays



5/6 Scott Koukola  
5/7 Brad Harville  
Henry Meyer  
5/8 Beth Bloss  
5/10 Janice Kim  
5/12 Laura Nelson  
5/13 Scheffler Meyer  
5/15 Abraham Joseph  
5/16 Rev. Ed Gayhart  
Rachel Shumate

5/17 Richard Ross  
Kevin Smith  
5/19 Harry Frye  
5/24 Patrick Hayden  
5/26 Collette Sangster  
5/31 Alex Barnum



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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!