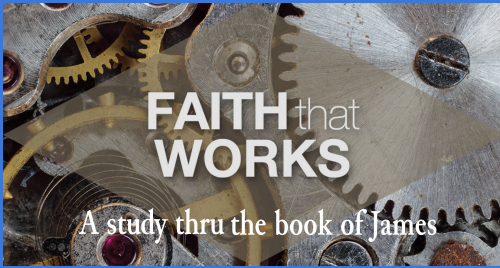


TPC Weekly Newsletter

June 23, 2024



FAITH THAT WORKS:

Savoring the Sovereignty of God

James 4:13-17

One Fundamental Overarching Commitment

The Typical Approach to Life

The typical approach to life in the Western world, and especially in America, goes like this:

We commit to varied responsibilities and obligations: a unique friend group, specific schools, a particular vocation, etc.

We invest our time, energy, and resources in a myriad of products and preferences: favorite soft drink, preferred pizza place, personal care products, specific electronic devices, etc.

We devote our attention and aspiration to narrowed and curated allegiances: favorite sports team(s), preferred vacation spot, political party, social concerns, religious community, etc.

Clarity About the One Common Factor

Has the one unifying factor become clear? It's you. It's me. It's the "almighty I". We are central, most important, in charge, determining the commitments and directing the course of life. Our fundamental, primary, and overarching commitment is to self.

Facing Our False Sense of Control

The Temptation of "Practical Atheism"

"Despite Christian trappings and evangelical nods, we often live without serious reference to God's will. This is practical atheism." (Kent Hughes)

"...the one thing that you complain of in God is the very thing that you love in yourself. Every man likes to feel that he has the right to do with his own as he pleases. We all like to be little sovereigns." (Charles Spurgeon)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Announcements

- The start time for our Sunday worship service throughout the Summer is now 10 AM. All Sunday School classes have also decided to take a break during the Summer.
- The Digging Deeper study meets on Monday at 10 AM.
- The Deacon's Lemonade stand is open throughout the Summer immediately following worship.

To provide flowers for worship, please sign up on the Worship bulletin board or contact Sherry.

Please know that your ministry support is a valuable means by which God is reaching, teaching, & growing followers of Jesus Christ. As always, we are thankful for God's faithfulness and your financial partnership.

Thank you to everyone who helped make our two Vacation Bible School a valuable time of worshiping, learning, and playing for the glory of God!

Mission Opportunities

Burrito making kits are available.

Donations are being received for this year's Operation Christmas Child initiative.

Upcoming Events

Checkout the unique garden gloves, on display in the Parlor and available for purchase, made by our talented Sew 'n Sews group.

TPC will be hosting a Back to School Bash on Saturday, August 3. Check out the flyer in further ahead in this weekly newsletter.

Greeter Ministry

Please look for a warm, welcoming friend to meet & greet you on Sunday mornings. In addition, the greeter will lock all the church doors by 10:15 AM, except for the glass doors to the Narthex.

We hope everyone will take a turn being this warm, welcoming presence. To serve as a Sunday morning greeter, please add your name to the sign up sheet in the Narthex.

Divergent Principles of Life

The Self-Centered Life – Life's purpose and joy is lost as it is primarily sought in the self-centered pursuit of worldly pleasures.

The Savior-Centered Life – Life's purpose and joy is found as it is primarily sought in the Savior-centered pursuit of heavenly pleasures.

FAITH THAT WORKS: Savoring the Sovereignty of God

Leaving God Out of Our Plans (v. 13)

James quotes what was likely a commonplace saying in his day; and no doubt a commonplace approach to life in our day.

The essence of this approach to life is planning and purposing without God, relying on and revolving one's life around our wants, our will, our works, and our worth.

The Transience of Life (v. 14)

The book of Ecclesiastes explores the depths of life's emptiness when lived untethered God. James summarizes this transience in just one verse. While we plan and boast about big project and accomplishments to come, we are powerless to guarantee we will even have a tomorrow.

Living Under Christ's Lordship (v. 15)

Rather than proudly organizing our life around and for ourselves, the wiser approach to life is to invite God in and yield to God's sovereign will. This approach to life is humbly embracing of God's will and submissively lives under God's will.

The Danger of a Godless Life (v. 16-17)

James returns to the root of our arrogant ambivalence to God. We proudly boasting of our achievements without any acknowledgment of God's gracious goodness that brings about those very achievements. This manifest a deep seated ignorance of God and how the world operates under God's authority.

An Abiding Awareness of God's Active Presence

Contrary to such rebellious pride and arrogance, we must instead embrace an approach to life that is abidingly aware of God's active presence. As an aid to embracing this approach to life, I invite you to look up, ponder, and let the Holy Spirit apply to your life the following Bible passages.

1 Corinthians 10:31

Colossians 3:17

Prayer Joys & Concerns

Thanks and Praise

Birthdays: Mike Conn (6/26), Kathy MacDonald (6/29)

Anniversaries: Steve & Diane Jewell (6/27), Andrew & Jennifer Petty (6/28), Sheldon & Sheryl Yoffe (6/29)

Needs and Concerns

Those who are grieving...

The family and friends of Pat Cropper (Cathy Dawson's brother)

Those needing help/healing...

Belinda Phelps

Janet Husband

Sandra Hollensead

Ellen (Kay Nolan's cousin)

Mike McCoy - healing

Eddie Barker (Janet Husband's cousin) - healing

Jamie King (Lois Bringham's nephew) - healing

Carol Redd

Greta Bemisderfer

Ghyll Simoneschi

Susan Bauer

Jean Paulmann

Ashley (the Husband's grand daughter)

Gwen Tomblin

Monica (the Bloor-Brandt's neighbor)

Steve Conn

Sandy Koukola

Rev. Bob & Rev. Camille Williams-Neal

Harvey (Miller's great grandson)

Tracy (Miller's daughter)

Jane Kurfees

Josh Jones (Jane Kurfees nephew)

Robert (Lois Bringham's brother)

Spencer Hardin (Sheryl Yoffe's friend)

Spike Frederick (Andy's friend)

Donna Primm (Andy's friend)

Toka (Sherry Pritts' friend)

Situations and Circumstances...

The mission and ministry of TPC

The war on Israel

Persistent societal violence

Volatile political tensions

Economic concerns

The violence/brokenness of our city and the world

Students, teachers, staff during Summer break

Medical caregivers, police, elected officials

The many ministries of TPC (Burrito Riders, Faith & Art Center, OCC, Sew 'n Sews, EACM, Maryhurst, Fellowship of Christian Athletes)



DEACON'S LEMONADE STAND

Come gather in the narthex after the 10 o'clock worship service. Enjoy a glass of lemonade and a cookie or two as you visit with others in our Trinity family.

If you would like to contribute herbs, vegetables, fruit and/or flowers from your garden, they would be most welcome!

See You at the Stand!!

Garden Gloves from Sew 'n Sews



The Sew 'n Sews have hand-made garden gloves with sleeve protectors for your arms available in the parlor!

They are made from material with beautiful patterns! Don't let those branches scratch your arms or the bugs bite you!!

Select your pair of gloves and leave a \$20.00 donation in the parlor, or give it to Sherry. Make your check payable to TPW Sew 'n Sews.

HAPPY GARDENING!



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

BACK to school BASH

SAT. AUGUST 3RD

11 AM - 1 PM

BOUNCE HOUSE | FACE PAINTING |
SNACKS | CRAFTS

Trinity Presbyterian Church
10200 Shelbyville Rd
Louisville, KY



Operation Christmas Child – 2024 Quick Facts

DISCIPLESHIP:

- **The Greatest Journey** is a follow-up discipleship experience offered through local churches to many of the children who receive shoebox gifts. The **12-lesson program** introduces boys and girls to salvation through faith in Jesus and encourages them to grow as faithful followers.
- Over the past 30 years (since 1993), **more than 50 million children** have been discipled, **including 25 million children who have prayed to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior!**
- **Shoebox to Bible:** After a child completes the 12-weeks discipleship program, a **New Testament Bible** is given to each child in their language. So far, **over 36 million New Testaments** have been given to graduates through our local church partners.
- Samaritan's Purse trains over **240,500+ volunteer teachers** to lead children through The Greatest Journey program.
- In 2023, The Greatest Journey discipleship program was translated in **91 languages** and reached **98 countries!**
- In 2023, over **5.1 million children** participated in **The Greatest Journey** discipleship program and there were **nearly 2.9 million decisions for Christ**, equating to 331 children coming to faith each hour!
- Pray for over **5.5 million children** to participate in The Greatest Journey discipleship program in 2024!

Stay tuned. OCC Quick Facts regarding **to the Ends of the Earth** are coming next!



Operation Christmas Child Donation Opportunities

The Mission Committee requests your consideration in making shoebox gift donations throughout the next several months so our supplies will be plentiful for our shoebox packing event to once again be held July/August.

The items being collected are:

UNDERWEAR SOCKS T-SHIRTS FLIP-FLOPS

These items may be for boys or girls in sizes appropriate for ages 2-4, ages 5-9, or ages 10-14. We intentionally pack more boxes for ages 10-14 as statistically the least number of boxes are packed for this age group.

You may drop off your donations from now through the end of June into the bin provided in the Narthex. We will periodically gather the donations, update our inventory, and sort the items according to sex and age.

Please consider donating to this worthy ministry. And join us in praying that Trinity's 2024 Shoebox Season will be fruitful!

Weekly Reminders

While Sunday School is taking a break during the Summer, consider joining one of the classes and/or small groups once this important ministry of Christian Education resumes in the Fall:

- Koinonia Class led by [Rev. Bob Williams-Neal](#) at 9:45 AM.
- Women's Sunday School Class at 9:45 AM (please contact [Cathy Dawson](#), [Lucie Fulmore](#), or [Lois Bringham](#) for more information)
- Youth Sunday School Class for middle school and high school students at 10 AM (please contact [Rebecca Perry](#) for more information).
- Sprouts Sunday School Class for ages 5 thru 4th grade at 9:45 AM (please contact [Diane Jewell](#) for more information).
- Digging Deeper meets on Monday mornings at 10 AM.

If you're unable to worship with us in person, join us via [Livestream](#) on Sundays at 10 AM. Our online worship bulletin is [posted here](#).

If you have a need, a prayer request, or have information you would like to share with the rest of the Trinity family, please contact [Pastor Steve](#), [Sherry Pritts](#) (Church Secretary), [Andy Cannava](#) (Clerk of the Session), [Brenda Miller](#) (Chair of the Deacons), or your mini-flock shepherd. Please [click here](#) for the updated mini-flock list.

To view our 2024 Leadership & Committees list, please [click here](#).

If you would like to make an online gift and/or donation to support the mission and ministry of Trinity Presbyterian Church, [please click here](#).

While most of our college students are home for the Summer, please continue to pray for them.

We will share updated contact information when it becomes available.

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