

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. I Peter 4:10

Romans 12:11

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

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LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO SERVE?

Please consider these ministries and opportunities and those listed in the bulletin. For questions, or for more information contact the director of the

"Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all." 2 Thessalonians 3:16

"Therefore encourage one another, and build up one another, just as you also are doing." I Thessalonians 5:11 NASB



THE ENCOURAGER

Trinity Baptist Church Monthly Newsletter

October 2024

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.



**PRAY FOR THE
PEACE OF JERUSALEM**

PSALMS 122:6



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DISCERNING GOD'S WILL

Soon, the Deacons are going to ask our membership what they think the idea of joining together with Redemption Church Spokane. So, the question that we need to ask is this:

“Do I believe that we, TBC, should merge with Redemption Church?”

I think of the question this way, “Can we do ministry in this community better with Redemption Church? If so, should we?”

It is my hope and prayer that we all answer this question based on what we discern the will of the Lord to be. That is often different than our own opinions. We must seek God so that we can discern the difference between the Lord's will and our own opinions (if such a difference exists). This article seeks to lay out some of the things that we should think about as we try to discern the Lord's will about anything.

* Pray. John 14:26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, ..." Listen to the Holy Spirit.

* Cleansing. James 4:3 "You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures." We all come to the Lord with our sinful biases. We need to seek the Lord, confessing our sins. We do not want our sins, our fears, our prejudices, or anything else form our assessment of the question. We want to be a pure vessel before the Lord. We need Jesus to cleanse us.

* Pray. 1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

* Get as much information as you can. See Luke 14:28-31. We should count the cost, both positively and negatively. We should ask any questions for information that will help us know what we need to know in such a decision.

* Pray. James 1:5, "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him." This cannot be overstated. We need to ask without bias what the Lord wants.

* The glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31 "... whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." 'Yes' or 'no'. Which decision do I believe

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TRINITY SINGLES

Trinity Singles meet the last Saturday of the month.

Our start times vary with the activity.

Watch the Wednesday e-mail and Sunday bulletin for information on events and times.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, Oct. 26th
8:00am

In the Fireside Room

Sign up sheet in the foyer

BELIEVERS FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, Oct. 17th
At noon

In the Fireside Room.


Come and join us for great food and fellowship!



CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER

This is the time when we remember our Global Outreach Partners around the world in prayer, communication and by giving. Each Sunday in October we will take a love offering for our Partners.

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES


29 Anatoliy & Zhanna Negrov 

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

03 Tom Hillman
06 Rich Olsen
07 Ron Rhoads
12 Tom Crouch
12 Lily Yapp
13 Kathy Crisp
14 Gail Quinn
14 Carson Langan
15 Chris Corigliano
21 Nancy Hanson
25 Autumn Donaldson



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

19 Jerry & Marlene Hollman 

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

13 Dan Rehms
16 Marcia Cook
16 Dave Leppert
17 Zhanna Negrov
18 Paige Resser
20 Mark Lewis
21 Lorraine Larson
29 James Custer



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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES UPDATE

The women's Ministries Board consists of -
Lorraine Crouch, Chairman 509-499-5172;
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Dorothy Cole, Cards 971-227-9693;
Marianne Lathrop, Meals 509-703-0375;
Traci Leppert, Secretary 509-998-1624;
Lily Yapp, Consultant 509-468-0770.

Our goal is to meet the needs of the women of the church. To build one another up, to uniting each other, making each feel like she is important and loved, as Christ loved us. We also, want to teach each one how to study His Word and to know Him intimately.

If you have any ideas on how we can grow our ideas for activities that we can do together, please let us know by calling one of the board members, or put your suggestions in the suggestion box in the foyer.

Thank you.

SECRET SISTER

During our retreat in early September, we started an activity called Secret Sister. Attendees filled out information cards that were secretly drawn. The purpose is to encourage your secret sister in various ways, like birthdays, anniversaries, praying for her, and possibly giving a small gift.

If you were not at the retreat, and would like to participate, fill out an information card next to the information box and place it in the box. The deadline to do this is October 31st.

If you have a gift or card for your Secret Sister, place it in the library on the card table but do not put your name on the gift or any cards that you send. We hope that more ladies will participate In this.



Samaritan's Purse sponsors **Operation Christmas Child** sending shoebox gifts to children throughout the world. Their goal this year is to reach 12 million children worldwide with over 200,000 boxes going to children in the United States.

These shoeboxes hold gifts such as toys, personal hygiene products, school supplies—whatever we can fit in a shoebox.

There is a list of what can be put in a shoebox and a list of what cannot be placed in a shoebox. Most importantly for an additional \$7.00 fee a Bible and book can be included in the shoebox. Shoeboxes cost \$10.00 to send. There are shoeboxes available for you to pick up.

If you're not able to make a shoebox please consider donating the \$7.00 or \$10.00 to help eliminate the cost of sending the shoebox. Please make the check out to Trinity Baptist Church and put OCC in the info line.

National Collection Week is the third week in November. Once again we are a receiving center for the shoe boxes. Help is needed from 8:30 - 10:30am each morning from November 17-24 to pack the shoe boxes into large boxes for shipping. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer for packing and/or hauling boxes.

What a wonderful way to send the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ to so many boys and girls. Thank you for carefully and prayerfully considering to help this special ministry.

will bring the most glory to God? Humble yourself so that you are seeking what is best for the Lord and His kingdom. James 4:6, "... God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

- * Pray. Matthew 6:33, "... seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness."
- * The wisdom granted to spiritual leaders. Hebrews 13:17 "Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account ..." I do not want to overstate this, but I do not want to ignore it either. Spiritual authorities over us provide us guidance. They are a source of wisdom. They are called by God to lead. They will answer to God for their leadership. We are called to follow.
- * Pray. Listen to the Holy Spirit. 1 Corinthians 2:13, "These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual." The Holy Spirit teaches us and guides our spirit when we are willing to listen to Him. This is not the same as man's wisdom.
- * Peace. Typically, as the Holy Spirit guides us, He gives us peace. John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." If it is the Lord's will, we need not fear what might happen. Rather, we should have peace and excitement about what the Lord is going to do.

For the decision that we need to make, may we each individually continue to seek the Lord and may His will govern our discernment.

Pastor Blaine Donaldson.

COLLEGE AND CAREER

College and Career is continuing, but we are very small. We are considering moving from Monday evenings to Sunday evenings

MEOW GROUPS

The Fall season of MEOWs is in full swing. We are looking at studies on 1 Peter, Colossians and Judges. We have groups planned for Thursday and Sunday afternoons. Would you be interested in joining an evening group? Please see pastor Blaine if you are.



**GLOBAL OUTREACH
PARTNER OF THE MONTH**
Dee (Donaldson) Kuzanah
Wycliffe Bible Translators - Nigeria

Starting School

Dee has been accepted into the Masters of Leadership and Administration program at Jos ECWA (Evangelical Church Winning All) Theological Seminary (JETS)! Please **PRAY** for me as I get back in the swing of school, while balancing it with work and family.

The Daily (Joyfilled) Grind

My life has been busy lately. School has started in earnest, and I love learning, getting to know my fellow students, and engaging with the course content. It has been a joy to learn how to lead my departments better.

On the work front, the major challenge I am working on right now is funding my departments, in particular, Scripture Engagement (SE). Recently, there have been some amazing opportunities to apply for grants to enable us to do our work. If we are accepted, one in particular would cover about 50% of the budget for the next 3 years. This would not only help with finances, but it would allow us to move more towards coaching empowering members of 23 language communities to really own their Scriptures, and even develop their own tools for engaging with God's Word. We **PRAY** this will lead to transformation in lives and communities.

Coming Soon, March 2025

Courage and I are proud to announce that baby Kuzanah will be coming in March 2025! God has been very gracious in that I had a healthy and easy first trimester. Please join us in **PRAYING** that the remainder of our pregnancy will go smoothly as well. Lord willing, we intend to stay here in Jos for the delivery. We are both overjoyed by this new life and cannot wait to meet our precious baby. On a more personal note, I can't wait to see my husband become a father and to see how his delight with babies generally will translate to delight with his child. He is a complete baby-whisperer.

Duya New Testament Recording Project

There have been challenges for Courage and the team in moving this project forward. Please **PRAY** we find good readers, and for health, strength, and commitment from the community for completing this project.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

OCTOBER

- Sundays** - Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.
- Church Service - 10:30 a.m.
- Mondays** - College & Career - 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday - 1st** - Trinity Quilters - 9:30am
- Tuesday - 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th** -
- Women's Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesdays** - Awana - 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs. 17th** - Believers Fellowship - Noon

OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Blaine's formal office hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m.–1 p.m. He is delighted to meet with you any time that he is available during or outside of office hours.

The office will be open Monday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. (8:30 a.m. Mondays) to 2:30 p.m.

SUNDAY SERVICE

The live-stream link will be available on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkw43Ipq7iKOTPdAGXPfSw/live>
There is generally about 20 minutes of prelude music before the service.

PRAYER CHAIN

Please call Marlene Hollman at 509-328-7414, or send an e-mail to: Trinityspokane.prayer@gmail.com with your requests and praises. Your request will be e-mailed to the church family. Those without e-mail will be notified by phone through the phone prayer chain.

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."
Mark 11:24

PRAYER REMINDERS

- Carson Langan** - Carson will have hip surgery October 11. Pray for successful surgery and the family as they stay with him in Seattle.
- Debbie Eichner** - Ray Stroud's daughter has fallen, breaking her right elbow and left foot. Her daughter, **Shauna Jenkins**, has been diagnosed with Stage 4 lymphoma.
- Carol Holzer** - Recovery from fluid buildup in legs, and healing from shoulder replacement surgery
- Peggy Miller** - Great nephew, Dustin, recovery from a heart attack due to a birth defect
- Terry Krogh** - Wisdom for doctors and Terry as she is in rehab, unable to walk
- Dave and Barbara Heckenlively** - Comfort in death of granddaughter Sheena in a car accident in Phoenix
- Denise Johnson** - Brother Darwin suffering from fluid build up in lungs and around heart
- Linda Little** - Mother being treated for endometrial cancer - Friend Shelby and husband suffering from premature birth and death of daughter Millie
- Kat DeJong** - Strength to be able to help at Awana amid various health challenges



Every third Friday of the month
6:30pm - in the Fireside Room.
Bring a snack to share and your own beverage.

Oct. Game Night - Oct. 18th
Everyone's welcome!!