

*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*

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Carol Blake

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John Foerster  
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College & MEOW Groups  
Women's Ministries Lorraine Crouch

#### **THE ENCOURAGER STAFF**

Peggy Miller  
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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 ministry

*"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*



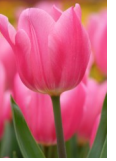
# THE ENCOURAGER

Trinity Baptist Church Monthly Newsletter

March 2025

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.



Welcome  
Spring

To everything  
there is a season  
and a time  
to every purpose  
under heaven.

*Eccles. 3:1*

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# **NOW WHAT?**

After hearing the results of the merger vote, I felt a little overwhelmed with emotion. Even now, I am not sure what I was feeling then or now. I texted the results to Pastor Miles. He texted me back, "Wow! Now what?" That is a great summary of how I feel.

Obviously, the merger will not be official until the building loan is gone. We have decided to do a 'soft launch' starting March 23, 2025.

Here are some of the key features of the soft launch:

- Both churches will worship together at Trinity
- Pastor Miles will do most of the preaching
- Jona Gallegos will lead the worship services integrating the worship teams
- Finances will be kept independent – Trinity people give to Trinity; Redemption people will give to Redemption (Redeeming Grace will not exist as a name until the formal and legal merger)
- Most other ministries will continue the normal schedule but invitations to those ministries will be extended to both churches (e.g. Bible studies, Sunday School, AWANA, VBS, Believer's Fellowship, etc.)
- Pastor Miles will start keeping office hours at Trinity
- We will likely have a 'ministry fair' where you will have opportunity to see all of the ministries that will be running with the combined churches and all of the opportunities that you have to serve
- Some equipment and systems will be brought in from Redemption (kids check-in, sound equipment, etc.)

This is a profound and new chapter in the history of Trinity Baptist Church. It is my prayer that all members of Trinity will walk forward with us into this new chapter.

*Pastor Blaine Donaldson*

## **MEOW GROUPS**

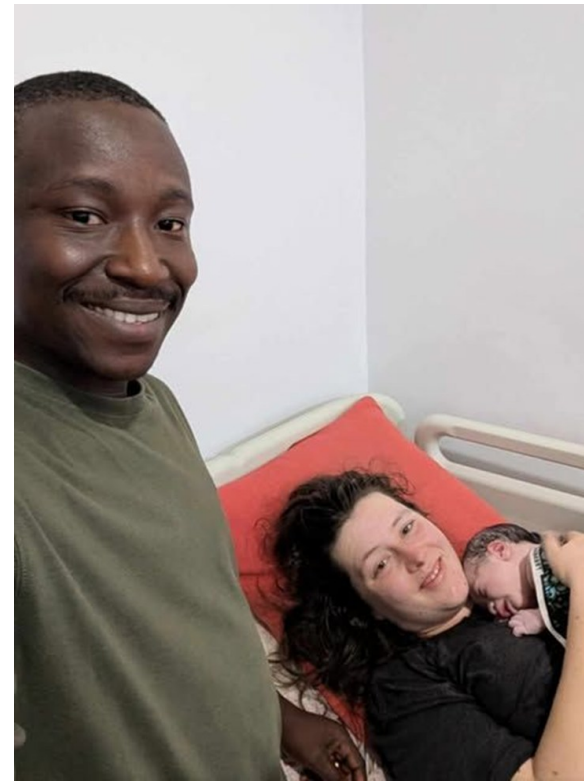
The Winter season of MEOWs is in full swing. We have just finished our studies in Haggai, Colossians and Philippians (almost finished this one). We will be doing a very short series on the reliability of the Bible (2 sessions). We will be choosing new curriculums after that. This is a great time to join any of our groups.

## **COLLEGE AND CAREERS**

College and Career is continuing. We meet for a home-cooked meal together and fellowship around the Word. If you are pre-children and working, you are welcome to join our group.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

We are meeting most Wednesdays and we are walking through the book of Matthew. We are very small, but we are building strong mentoring relationships. Pray that God will add people to our numbers, but we trust the Lord to do His will. Maybe smaller goes deeper.



Congratulations Courage and Dee

Excellence "Lence" Kuzanah, born Thursday, Feb. 27th at 8:23 a.m. their time. Lence weighed in at 6 lbs. 2 oz.

Welcome little one!



## **MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

- 08 Everett & Fern Murrish
- 11 Rich & Joy Olsen
- 20 Nikita & Ashlyn Kuznetsov



## **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

- 01 Elaine Rehms
- 04 Mary Ballard
- 04 Mathias Measor
- 04 Henry Porter
- 08 Traci Leppert
- 08 Ellie Donaldson
- 16 Lou Herman
- 21 Dave Murphy
- 22 Mark Reilly
- 22 Darlene Bilger
- 23 Fern Murrish
- 23 Tracy Resser
- 25 Chris Shaunessy



## **APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

- 07 Dan & Nancy Langan
- 07 Kirk & Tracy Resser
- 15 Dave & Traci Leppert
- 21 Dave & Heidi Murphy



## **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- 07 Linda Baldwin
- 07 Kathie Foerster
- 08 Marianne Lathrop
- 08 Kady Langan
- 11 Betty Chimienti
- 11 Kathy Johnson
- 13 Pam Beasley
- 15 Carla Barker
- 16 Emil Anisimov
- 18 Gary Blake
- 19 Pam Short
- 24 Heidi Murphy





**GARRY RATLIFF'S  
CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

Ball & Dodd Funeral Home  
Friday, March 7th  
10:00 a.m.

**LOW-IMPACT EXERCISE CLASS**

There are a few of us who are interested in starting a low-impact exercise class in the gym. Probably two days a week a half hour each day. Around 11:00 or 11:30 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays are the best days for gym availability.

We are looking into the cost of having a trained leader to lead the class.

If you would be interested, please contact the church office.

**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.

**ENCOURAGER DEADLINE**

All articles and information for the April Encourager must be in the office by Wednesday, March 26th.

**SECOND HARVEST DISTRIBUTION  
MARCH 2025**

**Mar. 4** – 11:30am – 1:30pm – 1810 N. Greene St. – Bldg. 6 - Lair

**Mar. 6** - 12-2pm - Spokane Falls – 3410 W. Whistalks Way

**Mar. 6** – 9-10am – San Souci – 3231 W. Boone Ave.

**Mar. 13** – 9-10am – Trent Elementary 3303 N. Pines

**Mar. 18** – 11:30am – 1:30pm – SCC – 1810 N. Greene St

**Mar. 19** – 2:30pm – 3:30pm – Whitworth U – 300 W. Hawthorne

**Mar. 27** – 2:30 – 3:30pm – Audubon Elementary – 2020 W. Carlisle Ave.

**Mar. 27** – 2:30pm-3:30pm – Longfellow Elementary - 800 E. Providence Ave.

**WALK-UP DISTRIBUTIONS**

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Saturday, March 22  
8:00 a.m.

In the Fireside Room

Sign-up sheet in the foyer

**GAME NIGHT**

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

March Game Night  
March 21st  
Everyone's welcome!!

Dear brothers and sisters of Trinity Baptist Church,

Upon learning about the final votes for merge from both our churches (TBC - 83% and RCS - 97%) I texted Pastor Blaine these words, "Praise the Lord! Now what?" The words came from an overwhelming sense of awe in what the Lord has done in both our church families, a great sense of joy and hope for our future together, but also a keen awareness of what this means, especially for you dear saints at Trinity.

As I write this, I am sitting in your conference room working on sermon prep for Redemption this Sunday. I have prayed and thought of you often over the course of these nearly two weeks. And while there is much over which to rejoice, I know full well that there are apprehensions—there usually are when people set out for a new adventure. There will be challenges along the way; there will be new people, lots of kids, and changes (some welcomed and some maybe not so much). However, it is my deep desire that along the way in our soft transition towards a merged church (Redeeming Grace) that the Lord will draw us closer to Him and knit our hearts more sweetly toward one another so that we may be about kingdom work "*better together.*"

I also want you to know that your brothers and sisters at Redemption are excited for what the Lord is doing, but they share some of the same nervousness that you may have. They will be leaving the place that for 10 years has been their "home." And while that history is quite short in comparison to the 70-year history of Trinity, in those 10 years, for many, they came to faith in Christ and were baptized; they were married, welcomed their first child (and for some a lot more that would follow); and some have tragically lost a spouse or a child. All of which Trinity has experienced and will continue to experience in this location. But for Redemption, though our church "home" has been filled with such joys and sorrows, blessings and hardship, it is hard to leave a place filled with such powerful memories. Nevertheless, among your brothers and sisters at Redemption, there is a greater desire to enter into this new adventure because we too believe it is of God.

Personally and pastorally, I have been the recipient of much blessing and joy throughout this merger exploration process. Chief among them is my relationship with Pastor Blaine. I didn't truly know how much I needed such a collegial and personal friendship (outside of Redemption) until the Lord placed Pastor Blaine in my life. I have grown to respect, admire, and love your pastor. The times we have spent together, I believe, have helped us both grow as brothers and pastors in our two churches. Now as the Lord has seen fit to allow for our working together to care for those whom the Lord has placed under our pastoral care, I am refreshed and comforted. For much of my 27 years of pastoral ministry, I too was a solo pastor, and while there were wonderful experiences of fruitfulness, as well as challenges, serving alone is hard. Already, today, Pastor Blaine and I have visited randomly about a few things—because we were next door to one another. I love that.

Dear brothers and sisters, I look forward to what the Lord has for all of us—that He who began a good work in Trinity 70 years ago and in Redemption over 10 years ago, will bring the work He has set before us to completion, as we long for day of Christ Jesus (cf. Philippians 1:6).

With affection,

Pastor Miles Rohde



## GLOBAL OUTREACH PARTNERS OF THE MONTH

### *Radha & Samen Manickam*

**Missions Door - Cambodia and North America**

Radha and Samen Manickam work with Cambodian pastors and congregations in western Washington and Cambodia.

#### **Family**

My wife and I are doing well and we thank the Lord for his goodness. Our grandson and his wife continue to serve the Lord in Mexico. Please **pray** that they can raise more financial support. Our other children and grandchildren are doing well. Please **pray** that they will faithfully walk with God.

I returned from Cambodia in November. The next day I needed emergency gallstone surgery. I thank the Lord for protecting me from this problem while I was in Cambodia and traveling home, and that the surgeon could use minimally invasive surgery.

#### **United States Ministries**

I thank the Lord for allowing me to teach and equip God's servants to serve. Every day I prepare lessons for leadership training both in the US and Cambodia. I teach a leadership class every month in Tacoma, and preach two Sundays a month in the church there. Please **pray** that God continues to give me wisdom to prepare all the lessons to equip God's servants. I am looking into translating the CBMatrix, a two-year program from Missions Door which equips leaders, for use in both countries. Please **pray** for me and the translation team to have wisdom from God.

Cambodian Ministries for Christ (CMC) continues to work with pastors in both countries. On April 5th, the Cambodian churches in the Pacific Northwest will gather for their annual Resurrection celebration. Please **pray** that all the Cambodian churches will work in unity to bring the good news.

#### **Cambodian Ministries**

With your gifts, we are able to provide partial support to 13 pastors and church planters in Cambodia. Please **pray** for their faithfulness.

I am leaving for Cambodia on May 2nd. Thank you for all your generous gifts toward the last trip to train pastors and leaders. On this trip I need to raise \$5,000 for travel and other expenses. Please **pray** that with our supporters the Lord will enable me to train leaders there. Please **pray** that we will faithfully walk with Jesus and serve him. May God bless you.

### MARCH HAPPENINGS

**Sundays** - Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.  
Church Service - 10:30 a.m.  
**Mondays** - College & Career - 6:30 p.m.  
**Tuesdays** - 11th, 18th, 25th  
Ladies Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.  
**Wednesdays** - Awana - 6:30 p.m.  
**Thursday 20th** - 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/UCkw43Ipg7iKOTPdAGXPfSw/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](mailto: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**

**Kathie Foerster** - Recovery from pneumonia and itchy rash  
**Gene Hansen** - Recovery from a stroke  
**Keith Clark** - Successful surgery March 4  
**Traci Leppert** - Dad's colon surgery March 4  
**Dee and Courage Kuzanah** - Praise healthy baby born Feb. 27th  
**Garry Ratliff's family** - Comfort in death of Garry at memorial service on March 7  
**Bill and Georgiale Smithpeters** - Bill's cancer diagnosis and treatments  
**Rich and Marianne Lathrop** - Rich's decline and comfort for Marianne  
**Oletha Jernigan** - Praise she is home, needs to build strength  
**Joy and Rich Olsen** - Housing placement for Rich, praise Joy is home, she needs to build strength  
**Clair and Marcia Lathrop** - Housing placement for Marcia and comfort for Clair  
**Linda Baldwin** - Praise Linda is home, needs home PT to evaluate and help her gain strength  
**Mona Parks** - Dealing with pain  
**Jim Muramatsu** - Recovery from back surgery  
**Jerry Kuzanah** - Healing of serious skin condition  
**Chris Corigliano** - Praise for successful surgery  
**Sally Hixson** - Praise for successful surgery  
**Diane Bilger** - Praise for successful surgery  
**Kathy Johnson** - Praise for successful surgery  
**Chris Shaunessy** - Praise for successful surgery  
**Terri Krogh** - Praise she is getting stronger

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