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TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH MAY/JUNE 2018 NEWSLETTER

FROM PASTOR KEVIN....

I've been reading the book of Judges for the last few days during my Daily Bible Reading Plan, as many of you have. It is readily apparent in that book that people are predictable in their unpredictability. That unpredictability is present in both the good things we do, as well as the not so good habits we have.

The common pattern of behavior found in Judges is: God delivers His people from danger, the people live at peace with God for a while, the people decide that they know better than God what needs to be done, the people begin to follow their own way rather than to obey God, God allows enemies to control and persecute the people, the people repent of their sinfulness and cry out to God for His help, God sends a judge (leader) to bring about His pattern for life and living, God delivers His people from danger…and the pattern starts all over again.

It's easy for me to criticize the Jews for living like that. However, it's not so easy to see my own behavior as often being just like those disobedient Jews. I can be like a light switch when it comes to following God…on one day, off the next.

I believe that God knows He isn't going to get perfection from us. After all, He has watched us fail numerous times. However, I do believe that God does desire consistency from us in our walk with Him.

In evaluating your own journey of faith, would you call yourself consistent in your relationship with God? Are you consistent in prayer, in the study of His Word, in worship, in evangelism?

Let's strive to be predictable in all the right things, so that God gets the glory do to Him in everything!

Pastor Kevin Goza
Senior Pastor

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 1	**Deacon Meeting**
May 5	**E^3 Derby Design Day**
May 6	**Preschool Volunteer Meeting**
May 8	**Vision Team Meeting**
May 11	**Seasoned Single Ladies**
May 13	**Children/Family Dedication**
May 20	**Graduation Sunday**
May 20	**Sunday School Leadership Meeting**
May 25	**Seasoned Single Ladies**
May 27	**VBS Leadership Meeting**
June 2	**CentriKid Garage Sale**
June 4	**Sonny's Spirit Night**
June 5	**Deacon Meeting**
June 8	**Seasoned Single Ladies**
June 17-23	**Miami Mission Trip**
June 18–22	**CentriKid Camp**
June 22	**Seasoned Single Ladies**
June 25	**Senior Adult Dinner**
June 26–30	**Students Senior Trip**

TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

"A teacher impacts eternity; one never knows when his influence will end." – Source Unknown

High-quality Christian education cannot take place without high-quality Christian teachers. The Bible reminds us in Luke 6:40 that when a child is fully trained, he will be just like his teacher(s). Some go as far as to attest that the most important factor in the development of a young person's worldview is the influence of his teachers. We understand, of course, that a child's first teachers are his/her parents and it is their responsibility to build a team of teachers at home, church, and school who will work together to prepare the student for the future that God has prepared for them.

The following quotes and quips illustrate the importance of a child's teacher:

- *To teach is to touch a life forever!*
- *You can never erase the influence of a teacher!*
- *A teacher: preserves the past; reveals the present; creates the future!*
- *A truly special teacher is very wise; she sees tomorrow in every child's eyes!*

Trinity Christian School is exceedingly blessed to be staffed by a team of highly-qualified and experienced teachers. They all hold the minimum of a bachelor's degree and also ACSI teacher certification. Most also have State of Florida Professional Teacher Certification which they continually work to maintain. But most importantly, every single TCS employee has accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and are actively involved in a Bible-believing church. This allows us to have a team of teachers who know and love the Lord, the subjects they teach and their students. Each teacher is keenly aware that every day their students learn not only what is taught but also from how it is communicated. Even more sobering is the realization that our students learn much about living the Christian life from observing our conduct – how we live. This is a responsibility that we take very seriously as we are all called by the Lord to be at TCS at this time.

Each year the teachers are asked to nominate a TCS Teacher of the Year and an ECE (Early Childhood Education) Worker of the Year.

Jenny Roberts was chosen as the TCS Teacher of the Year for 2018. Mrs. Roberts (a TCS alumnus) is one of our K5 teachers, has served the Lord at TCS for 4 years, and came to us with 6 years of teaching experience. A few of the comments made by her peers are:

Jenny is a loving teacher. She is willing to help her students no matter the situation. The students adore her, and that is evident in their smiling faces. You can tell she loves the Lord and our school.

Jenny's students are open to learning, and I believe it is because she gives them confidence to not be fearful of learning new things. I also appreciate her quick-to-help attitude.

Mrs. Roberts strategically plans the environment in her room for learning. Everything on her walls, activity centers, etc. all have a purpose. Her attitude and countenance shows the children that she cares about them, but also expects their best.

The ECE Worker of the Year is Barbi Hollars.

Mrs. Hollars has been a teacher here at TCS for over 25 years. She has worked with various ages during her time here but most of her time has been spent being a lead teacher for our ECE 4/VPK students. She does a wonderful job being invested not only in her students but also their families. She is always willing to help a student face a challenge head on, supporting them all the way. She takes a personal interest in the success of her students and works at encouraging confidence in their abilities to succeed. Many of her former students come back to visit her to say hello or just to get one of her generous hugs. She makes a difference in the life of each student that enters her classroom. Here are some things her fellow teachers have said about her:

She is always supportive of her fellow teachers, whether it's giving them a hug or encouraging them with a struggle they are facing.

She is always so good at communicating with parents. They feel confident in her advice and direction. They see that she loves their children so they in turn trust her.

It is obvious that she loves what she does. I've watched her take a child aside to talk about them making a wrong choice and then watch her immediately hug them and tell them she loves them.

She glows with excitement when her students learn new things. She has a gift of teaching children about God's Word and makes learning fun.

Join me in congratulating these 2 teachers as well as our entire staff at TCS for a job well done. We continue to covet your prayers as we seek to train young hearts and minds for His honor and glory.

In His Service,
*D. **Shawn Weeks,*** TCS Head Administrator

DISCIPLESHIP/ EQUIPPING & WORSHIP MINISTRY

God gave us a wonderful Easter celebration with our choir and orchestra leading us to the throne of our Savior in worship. Thank you to all those who made this happen both out front and behind the scenes! To Him be the glory!

Sunday School teachers and all leadership, our next meetings for May and June will be May 20 and June 24 in the Chapel from 5:30 – 6:30 PM. Hope to see you there.

We have begun work on our July 4th music titled "We Believe". Now is the time for you to join the choir or orchestra. Please see me, email me or text me at: jay@tbcapopka.org /c#727-967-4893.

We will be completing our study of the Parables of Jesus on Wednesday nights in the next couple of weeks. I am praying about what God would have me to preach on going forward. Please pray with me so I will hear God's voice and follow His leadership and then join us each week in the chapel on Wednesday nights at 6:00 PM.

We are planning a Community Block Party once again like we had a couple of years back. This is a great way to minister to the needs of people in our community and share the love of Christ in a tangible way. It is planned for Saturday, August 4, from 10 AM – noon! We will be asking soon for donations of clothing and food and for volunteers to organize and man the stations on that Saturday. Also, the week prior on Saturday, July 28, we will once again have a Community Blitz from 10 AM – noon where we will go out into our surrounding community to pass out flyers and get the word out of the block party the following week. Make plans now to be a part of this exciting ministry opportunity!

Pastor Jay Kimbro
Associate Pastor Discipleship/Equipping
Interim Worship

Saturday, June 2
8 AM– 1 PM
In the Gym

STUDENT MINISTRY

Just want to say thank you to all of those who supported or assisted with our annual golf tournament. We couldn`t do this without you! You are a blessing! We raised funds to assist our students in going to Super Summer camp or a mission trip to Miami this summer. If you didn`t get a chance to see the movie *I Can Only Imagine*, make sure you see it when it comes out on DVD. (It is one you will want to buy.) Also, the movies *Paul* and *God's Not Dead 3* are worth seeing. I think you will enjoy all three.

On May 20, we will be recognizing several students who will be graduating high school this year. On June 18-22, we will be partnering with the Florida Baptist Convention on a mission trip to Miami. Pray for us to make a difference for the Kingdom while growing in our own faith at the same time. The following week we will be taking a group of seniors and college students to the GA Mountains for some white water rafting, zip lining, and hiking. (During the first week of July, Pastor Mike is going to hibernate like a great big bear at Cades Cove.)

You can sign up for text messages by texting to 40404 and write…."follow @choose2nd". Please call or text Pastor Mike with any questions or concerns. 352-615-6015

Until next time……..Seek Wisdom, Speak Truth, AND Share Love.

Pastor Mike Ballard
Student Pastor

CHILDHOOD MINISITRIES

How many times have you picked up your Bible to read and put it back down not really sure what it was trying to say? Or maybe you get stuck over Old Testament prophets and all the weird stuff they said and did. How many times have you seen someone quote a verse on Facebook and you felt pretty sure that might have been taken out of context? We impress upon our children all the time how important it is to read the Bible every day, but are we equipping our children with the knowledge and skills that are needed to properly interpret God's Word so they can, in turn, apply it to their lives?

2 Timothy 2:15 instructs the Christian to "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth"…so how does one do that?

Prayer goes a long way when reading God's Word and asking them for the help of the Holy Spirit to understand what the Word is really saying. But, God also meant for us to be students of the Scriptures.

Acts 17:11 tells us about the dedication of the early church: "Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so." Examining implies more than a quick glance or topical study. It implies research and time, a dedication to learning the truth.

This summer, I invite your child to join me on a quest for truth and a journey to learn how to fulfill God's Will in our lives to be good students of His Word. Beginning on July 11th, we will begin a 6-week inductive Bible study that will introduce us to the skills needed to "rightly handle the Word of Truth". If you are interested in signing your child up for this study, please email Debbie or contact the church office.

Our annual Garage Sale Fundraiser is coming up in June. This event raises money to help kids attend the CentriKid Camp over the summer. If you have items you would like to donate, we have trailers available in the church parking lot. Feel free to drop your items off any time. Receipts for donated items are available in the church office.

VBS will take place the week of July 23-27. This year, "Game On" is a fun sports theme. The Bible verse, 2 Peter 1:3 tells us that "His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness." We have an amazing playbook – the Bible. We need to study it and learn it inside and out to truly live a life that pleases God.

We have many opportunities for you to volunteer to serve in VBS this summer. You can sign up in the Worship Center on Sundays or see Debbie anytime. Serving in VBS is always fun and it is a blessing to be a part of something that can be so impactful on our community for Christ.

E3 & Mission Friends will be coming to an end on May 30th and we will be having a fun celebration that evening. There will be waterslides for the kids and hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Parents are invited to join us, and are asked to bring a side dish to share. We have had fun spending time each Wednesday with our E3 kids and our Mission Friends! While there will be no regular Wednesday night meetings over the summer, there will be a few fun events for the kids to attend. The weekly E-Newsletter and our Facebook page will be advertising these events soon.

Debbie Jones
Director of Childhood Ministries

SENIOR ADULTS

Due to scheduling and the events of the end of school, we will not have the May edition of the Senior Adult Covered Dish supper. However, coming in June, Pastor Jay Kimbro will be our guest for a mini-concert following supper. Pay attention for more information to follow in the bulletin and flyers in your Sunday school class.

The Senior Adult Walking and Exercise class continues in May and June. On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays we gather in the foyer of the Lovett Christian Life Center at 11:10 AM to walk (at your own pace) in the gym for about 30 minutes. Following our walking, we retire to the chapel area for low-impact exercises and Tai Chi. Plan now to "get moving" in our air-conditioned comfort and join us as we "get in shape" for the summer!

MEN'S MINISTRY

Our Men's Bible Study continues on Wednesday at 6 PM in Room A213. As we study the book "Demolishing Strongholds" by Johnny Hunt, we are learning what issues men face in our culture and how to establish a game plan for overcoming them. Plan now to join us on Wednesdays at 6 PM throughout May and June.

You are invited to the Friday Men's Prayer breakfast which meets at Perkins restaurant on N. 441 in Apopka at 7 AM. We enjoy a time of fellowship, prayer, and a brief devotional thought around the breakfast table. And, we always finish before 8 AM. Come and join us on Fridays before work.

Pastor Fred Touchton