

TRINITY TIDINGS September 2017

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From the Pastor

Ephesians 2:1-6 (MSG)

2¹⁻⁶ It wasn't so long ago that you were mired in that old stagnant life of sin. You let the world, which doesn't know the first thing about living, tell you how to live. You filled your lungs with polluted unbelief, and then exhaled disobedience. We all did it, all of us doing what we felt like doing, when we felt like doing it, all of us in the same boat. It's a wonder God didn't lose his temper and do away with the whole lot of us. Instead, immense in mercy and with an incredible love, he embraced us. He took our sin-dead lives and made us alive in Christ. He did all this on his own, with no help from us! Then he picked us up and set us down in highest heaven in company with Jesus, our Messiah.

In 1779, John Newton published what was to become one of the most beloved hymns of all time, "Amazing Grace". Newton left home at the age of 11 for the high seas and the life of a slave trader. But a fierce storm and a book written by Thomas Kempis, *The Imitation of Christ*, changed his life in a dramatic way and led him to a genuine conversion and a relationship with Jesus.

Feeling a call to ministry at the age of 39, John Newton became an ordained minister of the Anglican church. Shortly before his death at the age of 82, he is quoted as proclaiming with a loud voice during a message, "My memory is nearly gone, but I remember two things: That I am a great sinner and that Christ is a great Savior!" What amazing grace!"

So how amazing is God's grace?

1. Well, God's grace is amazing because He reached out to us while we were still sinners! He came to us in His Son, Jesus Christ. He didn't wait for us to come to Him.
2. God's grace is amazing because God loved us while we were yet unlovable! Romans 3:23 (NIV) "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" God does not love us because we deserve it but because we need it!
3. God's grace is amazing because God did not give us what our sin deserved! In His mercy, God showed us the riches of His mercy rather than His anger. Romans 5:20 (NLT) "God's law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were. But as people sinned more and more, God's wonderful grace became more abundant." He doesn't offer His mercy because we deserve it but because we need it!
4. God's grace is amazing because God gives us what we don't deserve! We were born spiritually dead in sin. But he gave us eternal life because He wants us to know how much He loves us!
5. God's grace is amazing because it will never end! God will never stop displaying His grace to us! Consider Paul's words... First grace is *timeless*: "in the ages to come". Second grace is *limitless*, "Exceeding riches of His grace". Third, grace is undeserved favor: "In His kindness toward us". Fourth grace is found in Christ: "In Christ Jesus". The eternal, limitless, undeserved experience of His grace in Christ will truly keep us singing for ten thousand years just as an introduction to eternity!

6. God's grace is amazing because it is a gift! No one deserves it and no one can earn it: *"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."* Romans 6:23. Although grace is a free gift, it must be received through faith in Jesus before it can be ours.
7. God's grace is amazing but it is a limited time offer. We must never presume upon God's grace. The time to receive God's gift is now because there is no guarantee of tomorrow!

God's grace is truly amazing! I hope that as you follow your life's path you will remember the words of John Newton in vs. 4...

The Lord has promised good to me;
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

May the Lord bless you and keep you safe,
Your brother in Christ
Pastor John

Fellowship Lunch
Sunday, September 24 12 noon
Everyone is invited!!!
This Free lunch will be hosted by Son Seekers Sunday School Class

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

UMW General Meeting
Saturday, September 16 9:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall
Program by Jo Dunn
Hosted by Wesley Ann Circle All ladies are invited!!!

Share & Care Circle meets on Thursday, September 7, at 7 p.m. in the home of Jo Dunn – 2211 Palma Ceia Terrace, Palatka, FL. All ladies are invited.

Wesley Ann Circle will NOT meet this month.

Living Proof Simulcast

With Beth Moore

Worship with Travis Cottrell

Saturday, September 16 9:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Price: \$25.00 which includes lunch served on site

Palm Coast UM Church, 5200 Belle Terre Parkway, Palm Coast, FL

For more information go to www.palmcoastumc.org/simulcast or call 386-439-8164

United Methodist Men

Breakfast Meeting

September 9, 2017 8:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall

All men and their sons are invited to join us for a fantastic breakfast. Please come out and enjoy a morning of food and fellowship.

UMM

Man Cave Renovation

(Formerly known as the Men's Fall Retreat)

October 13-14, 2017

Life Enrichment Center, 4991 Picciola Rd., Fruitland Park, FL 34731

Cost: single occupancy \$135 double occupancy \$115

Lead Pastors will be Rev. Mike Hudson and Rev. Jeff St. Clair. Worship leader is Bill Olson of Mandarin UMC.

Our goal for the weekend is to give our men the tools needed to renovate their man cave in such a way it brings Glory to God! We will be ending the weekend Saturday at 4:00 p.m. so all of our men and their pastors will be home for a good night's rest before Sunday morning's worship service in your local church.

Online registration at: <http://ummflconf.org/event-registration/>

EASTER PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY
with Jay & Kendra Therrell

You are invited to join Jay & Kendra on a 10 day 2018 Italy Tour departing April 3, 2018 with prices starting at \$3,898.

Visit Venice, Florence, Siena, Assisi and Rome while studying the Gospel of Mark and the legacy of Peter. For more information contact the church office.

Scheduled Meetings

Finance Committee meets Thursday, September 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the Bride's Room
Ad Council meets Thursday, September 21, at 7:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

From the Treasurer

As we move toward the last third of the year, please keep the church finances in your prayers. We are collecting around 80% of our budget and spending about 90%. At that rate we will not be able to pay our apportionments which will be the second year in a row we have not paid them. We need each member to prayerfully consider your obligation of contributions to the church. We try to be fiscally responsible, but we need to do a better job in order to meet the weekly and monthly obligations. With the help of everyone we will be able to continue the ministries which we feel we are called to have at Trinity. Help us to be able to meet the needs by supporting Trinity each week with a contribution. Be honored with the responsibility of providing the church with the financial resources necessary to accomplish the activities we are called upon to provide. Thank you and your family for all you do and have done to assist Trinity leaders in the fulfillment of our charge from God and Jesus.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT (Through 8/20/17)

Total Budget	\$234,478.00	<u>Unbudgeted Contributions</u>	
Estimated needed to date	153,312.54	Scholarship Fund	375.00
Received to date	121,886.67	Cuba Covenant	2,607.00
Percent of "needed to date"		Uprising Student Min.	1,235.00
that has been collected	79.50%	Children's Home	1,753.00
Percent of Year that is Complete	65.38%	Kids' Klub	1,469.00
Percent of Yearly Contributions that		Kairos Outside	25.00
have been received	51.98%	Brie Paulin Mission Trip	100.00
		Vacation Bible School	600.00

Music Accompanist	200.00
Annual Conf. Offering	125.00
Uprising Curriculum	600.00

CIRCLE OF CONCERN – Those needing our prayers -

Joyce Strickland	Lee West	Charlotte Rose	Virginia Alexander
Gary Armstrong	Herb DuTour	Gail West	Tracy Underwood

Those in the nursing homes (**Edna Houck, Jean Moore**) and our shut-ins; San Antonio de Rio Blanco Church in Cuba; the Persecuted Church; Moseley Elementary School teachers; Westover Mobile Home Park Ministry; Children at the Methodist Children’s Home; our Nation’s leaders & military; your Pastoral family & your Church

Moseley Teacher Breakfast

Did you know Trinity furnished breakfast for the teachers at Moseley on August 3? Below are a few pictures from the breakfast. A special thanks to Alice Ryals, coordinator, and her helpers for making this event possible.



Moseley Teachers at the breakfast sponsored by Trinity UMC in August



Helpers for the Moseley teacher breakfast at Trinity in August

KIDS' KLUB CORNER

September is here and we are so excited to be learning about Elijah and the Old Testament. We are looking for you to join us as we learn about, share, and serve Jesus. We hope that if you are between the age of three and fifth grade that you will join us on Wednesdays from 5:00 to 7:00. Come learn and enjoy all the things that God has blessed us with. God Bless!

The Kids' Klub Team

September 27th

Kids' Klub Night Out



Learning about Daniel in the Lion's Den.



Making Ice Cream at the back from summer retreat.



Family Night



Wish a Happy Birthday to:

- 1st - Robert Fridy, Jr.
- 2nd - Carsyn Drew
- 6th - J. D. Ogle
- 7th - Marisa Annis
- 8th - John Bennett
 - Clay Breton
- 11th - Cindy Fegter
 - Jeff McKenzie
- 12th - Dennis Hayes, III
- 13th - Zachary de los Santos
- 16th - Kyle Coleman
 - Joyce Strickland
- 17th - Sharon Fridy
 - Teresa Kennard
 - Lynsey Wrenn
- 27th - Sally Boone
 - Karen Jo Revels
- 29th - Tonia Hare
 - Jon Revels
- 30th - Hayden Gill

Anniversaries

- 20th - Frank & Betty Walston – 59 yrs.

Altar Flowers

- 3rd - OPEN
 - 10th - OPEN
 - 17th - OPEN
 - 24th - OPEN
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SEPTEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Sunday Schedule 9:15 a.m. – Sunday School 10:30 a.m. –Worship</p>					1	2
3	4 Labor Day Church Office Closed	5 7 p.m. – Trinity Flame Practice	6 10 a.m. – Ladies Bible Study 5 p.m. - Youth 5 p.m. – Kids’ Klub 7:15 p.m. – Chancel Choir Practice	7 7 p.m. – Share & Care Circle	8	9 8:30 a.m. – UMM Breakfast Meeting
10	11	12 7 p.m. – Trinity Flame Practice	13 10 a.m. – Ladies B.S. 5 p.m. – Kids’ Klub 5 p.m. – Youth 7:15 p.m. – Chancel Choir Practice	14	15	16 9 a.m. – UMW General Meeting
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24 12 noon – Fellowship Lunch	25	26 7 p.m. – Trinity Flame Practice	27 10 a.m. – Ladies B. S. 5 p.m. – Kids’ Klub Night Out 5 p.m. – Youth 7:15 p.m. – Chancel Choir Practice	28	29	30

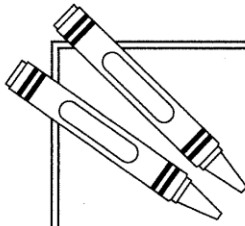
Make a follower footprint

You will need:

- shoebox
- coffee can
- foil
- plaster of Paris
- sand
- spoon
- water
- your foot

What to do:

1. Line the shoebox with aluminum foil.
2. Fill the box half full of sand.
3. Sprinkle some water into the sand until it holds together. Don't make it too wet!
4. Put your bare foot in the sand. Press it down to make a footprint.
5. Put plaster of Paris in the coffee can. Add water slowly to it while stirring. Make it like thin cream.
6. Pour the plaster into your footprint. Don't overflow it!
7. Let it dry for one week.
8. Take the plaster footprint out of the sand. Brush away the sand.
9. Use paint or markers to write a verse to remind you to follow Jesus!

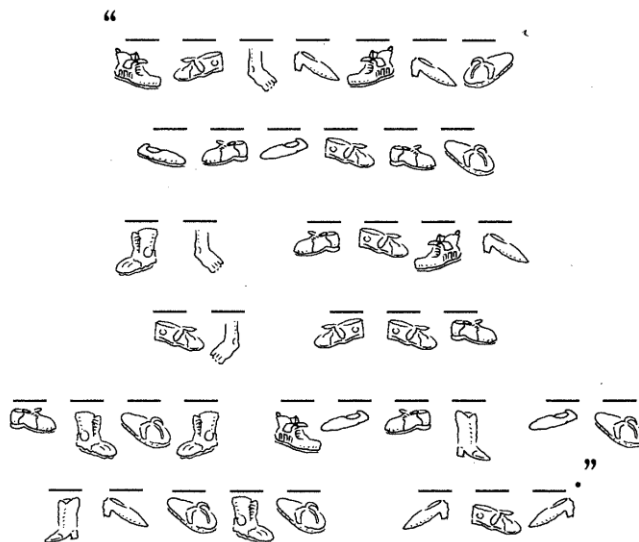


Just for KIDS

1 John 2:6

Find these important words written to Christians everywhere by John, disciple of Jesus.

Code:



“Whoever claims to live in Him must walk as Jesus did.”