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Proclaiming Jesus Christ to the World

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Come, Holy Spirit

*Fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle
in us the fire of Your love.*

June

From Our Pastor

This past weekend we celebrated Memorial Day where we as a nation remembered and honored those who died in service to our country. Those who paid the ultimate price for the freedom and security of our nation and the nations of the world. And though we may debate and question the causes and justification of many of the conflicts and the wars we as a nation have been involved in, we still remember those who paid that ultimate price with their life in service to this country.

But for me this Memorial Day saw a dark cloud hanging over the nation, though we had beautiful blue skies here in Jacksonville. As a nation we are reeling from again a horrible school shooting in Uvalde, Texas where nineteen innocent children and two teachers were gunned down and seventeen others wounded. The Uvalde shooting follows the shootings at the Tops grocery store in Buffalo, NY where ten people were killed and three injured. This was a racially motivated shooting. And by the Laguna Woods, CA shooting at Geneva Presbyterian Church, home of the Irvine Taiwanese Presbyterian Church. There one person died and five others were wounded, mainly Taiwanese. This Memorial Day weekend saw forty-six (yes, forty-six) people shot in Chicago. Ten of these were fatally wounded. In Chattanooga, TN six people were wounded in a shooting. All of whom were teenagers.

Regardless of the motives behind these shootings, be it anger, racial, mental illness, or otherwise described, all of these shooting are senseless, sinful, and evil. Lives have been lost, families are forever broken and hurt. As a nation and people of God, we must work to stop these types (and really any type) of shootings and violent acts against one another.

Yet, we as a people cannot on our own overcome the motives that lead to these sinful acts of violence,

anger, revenge, and hate.

As a society there are laws and actions to be taken in terms of how guns, ammunition, and weapons may be obtained. There is the need for further help of the mentally ill, and laws that need to be enforced or enacted against racially motivated acts and violence.

But in the end salvation in this life and for the next comes from God, who through the One, has given of Oneself for our sake and the sake of all the world!

St. Paul in the letter to the Romans speaks of the inner conflict he and humanity has between the good that is in us and the sinful nature within us. Here is what he has to say:

“I do understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate... For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me... Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks, be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!”
(Romans 7:15-25)

Let us pray to Jesus Christ who intercedes and prays for us to be one in the unity of God’s love and forgiveness. Let us pray for God’s Spirit to direct our thoughts and actions in overcoming the sinful nature within ourselves and in leading us in the sharing of God’s love and grace for the healing of a world full of brokenness and pain from sinful actions. “Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!”

In Christ’s service,
Pastor Robert

Food Pantry Update

Plans are moving forward toward the re-opening of the Trinity Food Pantry hopefully in late June. A new food pantry team spearheaded by Mark Baker, Bill Hiers, and Gary Hautau are working to get the Food Pantry recertified with Feeding Northeast Florida and ready to open.

Plans are for the Pantry to receive and sort food on a Wednesday and then to be opened on a Thursday early evening and Friday morning every other week.

Volunteers will be needed to help on these days to unload and sort food on Wednesdays and to distribute food on Thursdays and Fridays. Please speak to Mark Baker, Dwane Tyson, Bill Hiers, Gary Hautau, or Pastor Robert if you are interested in volunteering. We will need young bodies especially on Wednesdays to help unload and sort food.

Also, non-perishable food items are needed as we begin to restock the Food Pantry. They may be brought and put in the Cecil Poole Room or in the Narthex in the Sanctuary.

Congratulations to our Graduates

Congratulations to our Graduates at Trinity:

From Bishop Kenny High School:

- **Cooper Lewis**, attending the University of Florida
- **Alex Lewis**, attending the University of Central Florida
- **Rebecca Woodard**, attending the University of North Florida

From Douglas Anderson School of the Arts:

- **Jo Virta-Steel**, attending the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) in Savannah, GA

From Atlantic Coast High School

- **Kiley Timm**

June 5 is Pentecost

We will have **ONE SERVICE** at 10:00 am. Be sure to wear **Red** for Pentecost!

Also at this service will be the Affirmation of Baptism for two of our young ladies, Aubrey Alpahondo and Sadie Timm.

Love Offering

The June Love Offering is designated to benefit the Riverside High School Chorus.

MOT (Men of Trinity)

We meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 8:30 in the morning until 11:00. We gather and have a short devotional period. This is followed by working on projects around the Church. Projects are minor repairs, general maintenance and cleanup. Prior to leaving, the group plans projects for the next month, followed by a closing prayer.

Men of Trinity is a fellowship gathering with the purpose to do needed work around the Church. We'd love to have you join us for a little while on the 2nd Saturday. Bring a child with you, especially a student who is in need of service hours for school.

Our next Blood Drive

Will be Sunday, June 5, from 9:00am to 12:00 noon.

Donors will receive: a \$10 e-gift card, a t-shirt and the satisfaction of saving lives during a national blood shortage.

Remember, **one** pint of blood saves **three** lives!

The Blood Mobile will be in the parking lot across McDuff Avenue from the front of the church. See you there!





Dear Robert Kinley,

We would like to thank you for your thoughtful financial donation of \$265.00. Our mission is to inspire and empower children, families, and individuals to rise, overcome, and shine through their most challenging moments in life to become their best self.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sary Batista Jimenez
Inspire to Rise, Inc
Executive Assistant

Treasurer's Report

April 2022

1/1/2022 to 4/30/2022

Receipts

Actual	\$85,180
Budgeted	\$79,412
Actual-Budget	\$5,768

Expenses

Actual	\$78,886
Budgeted	\$79,724
Actual-Budget	(\$838)

FROM THIS FOUNDATION, OUR MINISTRY GROWS

Going into the home stretch of year three of the "From This Foundation, Our Ministry Grows" capital campaign, here is where we are at:

- Through April, 2022, \$413,337 has been given and earned toward the \$401,387 pledged for the three year campaign. Due to the pandemic, the contribution period will be extended for an additional year through 2022. Members and friends who have not participated in the campaign are encouraged to join in support of the project financially as the work is nearly completed.
- The interior renovations of the Sunday School area and Gathering Room are 95% complete.
- Painting and work in the Sunday School area is progressing to make it ready for new children's ministry program this fall.
- As of April 30, the Mission Investment Loan balance is \$386,424.
- Plans to purchase and install audio/visual equipment for recording and live streaming worship services are being implemented.

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