

What's Happening?



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From Your Pastor

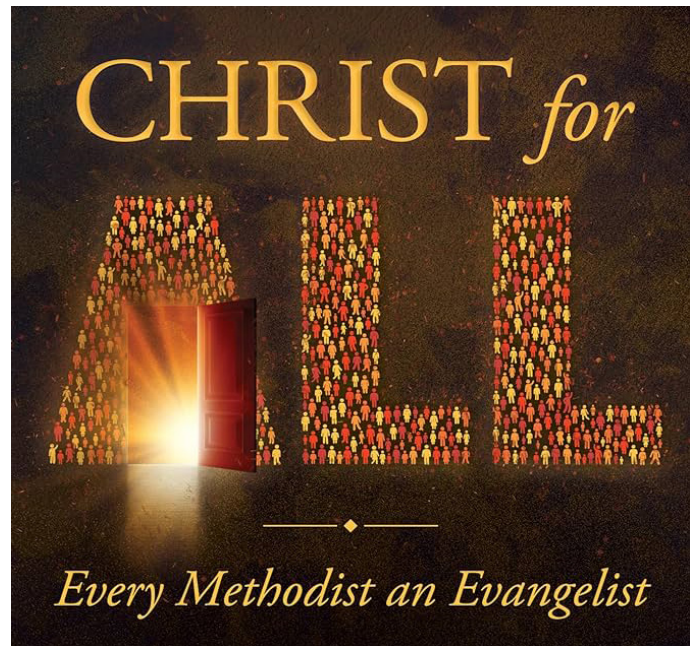
Important! The following is a written transcript from Pastor Aaron's newly added video!

View it on trinityhill.org or watch on Vimeo: vimeo.com/trinityhill/news-may-2026-pastor

Hi everybody at Trinity Hill. I'm sending this to you from sunny Chula Vista, California. I'm here for a short meeting, with some church planting and disciple making leaders. I'm flying back in just a few hours to be back with you. But while I'm here, I wanted to take the time to just make this short video for the newsletter to let you know something, that, that I'm really excited about.

When I first came here and saw that Michael Coston was on staff. As for evangelism, I was really stoked. I was like, "Wow, this is great! I've never been to a church that had an evangelist on staff." And so, Michael and I have enjoyed working together and are really excited about our latest project, which is this summer, starting in June. Michael and I are going to be preaching through a book called *Christ for ALL: Every Methodist an Evangelist*. It's written by six leaders in the Global Methodist Church, and they are giving their take on different ways that you can share your faith.

I know you're going to be blessed by this. I think some of you are going to be a little surprised at the ways that we can share our faith. Because, we have some kind of encased-in-concrete views about what evangelism is or is not. And in this case, I think these writers are going to help us see some new perspectives on that. Additionally, we'll have a special treat: One of the authors of one of the chapters is going to come in, and he will preach



for his section at a Sunday service. Additionally, on the Wednesday evenings after the Sunday service, Michael and I will also be walking us through the workbook section of *Christ for ALL*. It talks about things we can do and ways that we can put our faith-sharing into action. So I hope you guys will get a copy of *Christ for ALL*. You can get it through the Francis Asbury Society. As the time approaches, we'll have some available for purchase as well.

We are really looking forward to this with emphasis. You know, one of our jobs is to make sure that you can live into your vows of membership, that we can really be active in our stewardship of the gifts that God has given us. So we often like to give people chances to pray more, to worship all the time, to give, and to serve. Now, we get a chance to really go deep, on how we can witness to our faith. I look forward to seeing you soon. God bless you.

In Christ,
Senior Pastor Aaron Mansfield

3D Christian Church

“And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”
Philippians 1:6 ESV

3D Church will have a table set-up at the annual Memorial Day Recovery event at Jacobson Park. We will have a raffle, popcorn machine, and cotton candy machine. Thank you, PJ! If you are interested in volunteering at the table or just want to celebrate Memorial Day with a thousand grateful people in recovery, please come on out! The event is at Pavilion 6 from 12PM to 4PM.

We are gearing up for the first preview service for 3D. We are going to use the recovery event as a jump off to that first preview service and invite as many people as we can! If you have been saved, redeemed, and set free from the bondage of sin and death can I please get an AMEN!? Because when God starts a good work, he is going to finish it! Hallelujah.

Grace and Peace,
Josh Barker
Church Planting Intern / 3D Christian Church



Dear Families,

It's that time of year! Summer is upon us. It's a season of vacations and spontaneous road trips, summer sports, camps and camping, and taking time to relax with our families. While these moments are precious, the change in schedule can sometimes make it hard for families to maintain their church attendance.

However, taking a break from church because we are

relaxing can send a message that worship is a responsibility we need a break from, rather than a joy we get to take part in. With that in mind, I wanted to offer some practical tips to help keep our children God-focused—even while on vacation.

Here are some ways to keep your summer God-honoring and memorable:

1. Attend a “Vacation Church”

Thanks to the internet, finding a place to worship while on vacation is fairly easy. Most kids find it fun to attend a new “vacation church,” and it teaches them that worship is a priority regardless of where we are.

2. Use Technology for Faith

Put some Bible fun in your trip by downloading apps that feature Bible stories and videos.

- Superbook Kids Bible App offers games and full-length episodes.
- Minno is great for streaming Christian shows.

3. Play Bible Trivia on the Road

Apps like Jesus Bible Trivia Challenge can make long drives pass a little quicker and be a lot more fun!

4. Start the Day with Devotions

Take the time to do a daily devotion while on vacation. While these can be done at night, I prefer the start of the day because, well...the day just goes better with Jesus. A quick, 5-minute devotion can make a lasting difference.

5. Establish Daily Family Prayer

Have a family prayer every day. This is especially nice at night as children can list things they were grateful for that day, and then bring their worries to God. If it's a road trip you are taking, I would encourage you to pray when you are all buckled in, asking for protection and a sweet time of bonding.

Years ago, we went on vacation with several families from our church. My daughter invited a friend. When our vacation was ending, I asked my daughter's friend what she enjoyed most about our vacation. Her answer stopped me in my tracks. She said something along the lines of, “I have never been on a vacation where everyone still went to church...where

everyone prayed together...where Jesus was talked about every day.”

This child taught me the importance of living out my faith. She taught me that our children pay more attention to our actions than I thought. She reminded me that Christ has to be the center of my life, my family and my heart...even on vacation.

I hope these ideas are helpful!

Blessings,
PJ Danhires
Children's & Family Minister



Sisters in Mission

Wow! What a fabulous time had by all the ladies who came to The Ladies' Spring Tea Party! I have attached a couple pictures to show the beautiful setting for this party! The food was not only delicious, but also beautifully presented. The modeling of spring hats was fantastic. The Bible trivia game was hilarious. A great big thanks to the planning committee...great job!

I hope the ladies who are not participating in this diverse group will join us in May and beyond. We are a group of multi-generational women with the heart of Jesus Christ, and a desire to reach out and help or give support to people and organizations who need it. Plan to come on the third Tuesday night of every month at 6:00PM for delicious treats and fellowship, then discussion of upcoming activities and missions we want to do. **CHILDCARE PROVIDED UPON REQUEST.** Please request a week in advance. Contact Carolyn Walker (859/576-9556).

In Stitches for Christ

Just A REMINDER, we have prayer shawls and blankets for all ages for your family, friends, co-workers, etc. who need that Godly embrace to help them through a challenging time or to celebrate a special occasion. To request a prayer shawl, please contact Dianalee Crone (dlcrone07@gmail.com) or the church office—859/272-3456.

We are here to share our God-given gifts of crocheting and knitting through shawls and lap blankets to those who need a tangible expression of God's loving support through these prayed over pieces of needlework. The recipients do not have to be a member of our church. Check our June newsletter to hear about a project we are working on right now along with our regular prayer shawls and lap blankets.

If you would like to be part of this group, please contact Gail Wright (gailwright.412@gmail.com) with questions. Or join us any Saturday from 11:00AM-1:00PM in the Sunday School room downstairs just inside the back door (Room B12). We have people to show you how to crochet or knit if you want to learn and participate with this creative group of women.



A Season of Waiting...and a Joyful New Beginning

Dear Trinity Hill Family,

There are seasons in the life of faith when God calls us not to act, but to wait. Waiting can be difficult, but it is often in those moments that God does some of His deepest work within us—growing our faith, strengthening our trust, and gently realigning our hearts to His will.

Over the past several months, our church has been in such a season. Together, we have been prayerfully waiting for the right person to step into the role of Worship Coordinator at Trinity Hill. Through that waiting, we have seen God's faithfulness in so many ways.

Before sharing our exciting news, I want to take a moment to express heartfelt gratitude.

Thank you to those who have faithfully "stood in the gap" during this season of transition. At our 8:30 service, we are deeply grateful for Bill, Bob, Keara, Jane Margaret, and our sound and tech team, who have continued to lead us into the presence of God each week. At our 10:30 service, we give thanks for the worship team and sound and tech team, whose dedication and consistency have blessed our congregation.

We are also thankful for Amanda Adkins, who represented the worship team and 10:30 a.m. service, and Coral Heater, who represented the Vision Team for Worship and the 8:30 a.m. service. They provided valuable insight to the Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) as we discerned the needs of our worship ministry.



Congratulations!

2026 Confirmands

And finally, thank you to our SPRC members, who have spent countless hours in prayer, conversation, listening, and discernment as they sought God's direction for Trinity Hill.

It is with great joy that I now share this wonderful news:

We have officially hired a Worship Coordinator!

Please join me in warmly welcoming Drew Jordan, who stepped into this role on May 1st. In the coming months, Drew will continue to grow into the position, taking on various aspects of leadership within our worship ministry. As he does so, you will continue to see familiar faces leading us in worship across both services, using their gifts both instrumentally and vocally.

We are excited and expectant for what God will do in and through Drew as he helps lead us in worship and in making disciples of Jesus Christ.

Let us continue to support him with our prayers, encouragement, and partnership in ministry.

Grace and peace,
Dr. Benjamin Bowman
Chair, Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Article Submissions for Monthly Newsletter

Need to share something with our Trinity Hill church family in the next month?

Contact Joshua Chamblee and submit your article via email to trinityhill@trinityhill.org before the middle of the month to review and include in our next edition!

Worship Ministry Update

There's a song that I love for spontaneous worship contexts. It's simple, profound, and beautifully illustrates the process of sanctification. The song is "The Blood" by Bethel Music. I encourage you to give it a listen and just receive it for what it is.

Just consider these words from the bridge of the song:

*It's never been about performance, perfection
Or striving for acceptance
Let me tell you, it's only by the blood
It's never been about deserving, or earning
It's a gift that's freely given
Let me tell you, it's only by the blood
Oh, does anybody want to be holy and righteous
Purified and spotless?
Let me tell you, it's only by the blood
Does anybody want to be worthy, forgiven
Justified, really living?
Let me tell you, it's only by the blood!*

I love it. This song is so simple, and it has one idea: that the blood of Jesus saves, sanctifies and redeems us. We don't have to do ANYTHING but believe in the Gospel.

But I can never get past that first line. It's never been about performance. All too often I catch myself wanting to make my worship perfect. It's the perfectionist band kid in me. But what God wants from me in worship is not my best, it's my offering. Psalm 141:2 says, "Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!" Revelation 5:8 describes the prayers of the God's people as incense before the Lord. Our praise and prayers are so important to God.

I want to change our understanding of corporate worship from this idea of performance to offering. Many of us look forward to the Sunday performance. But not Sunday worship. Sunday performance is about how the band sounds, how you sound, and what other people think of you. Sunday worship is

the time that we come together and praise God with our words in community. But I think we want our worship to become more of an offering. That way it's real worship.

Here's the equation, we can bring our struggle, our pain, our burdens before the Lord. We can praise God for his redeeming power to save us from those things. We can praise him for his sanctifying grace in our lives. We can experience the presence of God. Or we can keep our hands-in-pockets worrying about whether or not the person next to us is judging us for missing a note. What if we were comfortable becoming a little undignified?

I want to encourage you to let loose in our moments of corporate worship. Shout, scream, cry, dance, and let your worship be an offering before the Lord. Respond to what the Lord is doing in your life. Don't make it inauthentic but use what emotion you're bringing in and give it to the Lord. James 5:13 says, "Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise.

We are set free by the blood of Christ. That means nothing is stopping us from praising him with everything. It's not about performance or perfection, it's all about the blood of Christ.

God, in our moments of worship, would you teach us to offer you our praises? You have saved us, redeemed us, and we just want to give you our worship. In whatever form that looks like this week, I want to worship you with everything in me. Thank you Jesus for everything. It is you whom I worship.

See ya Sunday,
Drew Jordan
Trinity Hill Worship Coordinator

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July 27-31
each night 6-8:30p.m.



**Registration
opens May 17!**