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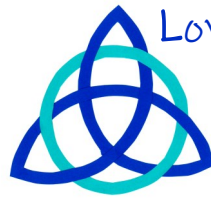


***"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."***

**Galatians 6:9 (ESV)**

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*Leading others to Christ*

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**PRAYERS FOR THE HOMEBOUND**

Terry Ampaya	Curt Luft
George Anderson	Ted Rains
Kay Brethauer	Nancy Wolf
Marilyn Camper	Carol Young
Barbara Ewing	Grant & Kathi Yule
Fawn Humphries	Marcia Zerkel
Esther Johnson	

**PRAYERS FOR FAMILY  
& FRIENDS OF THE  
RECENTLY DEPARTED:**

Shirley Anderson  
Fred Engle  
Don Grasmick  
Dorothy Miller  
Sue Mooney  
Paul Wood

**PRAYERS OF HEALING AND COMFORT**

Jim Ampaya	Pat Harman	Ted Rains
Dona Breitbarth	Jeff Hilgaertner	Val Rains
Kay Carpenter-Dorner	Marilyn Holthouse	Linda Riewald
Bill Cashdollar	Nancy Jacobs	Martha Sanders
Judy Cashdollar	Linda Kintner	Brian Smith
Michele Friesen	Gerry Mann	Joe Swindle
Joyce Grasmick	Tom McWaid	Ed Vasquez
Jerry Harman	Linda Packham	Dorothy Vasquez

**Weekly Prayer Gathering**

You are invited to join us  
for a time of prayer  
in the Reflection Garden  
(or Fireside Room)  
each Thursday at 1:00 PM.

Questions: Call the church office:  
(805) 484-0530

## Trinity Celebrations

### Happy Birthday!

#### August

1st Kathi Yule  
6th Julie Hallisey  
9th Joe Davis  
10th Kris Armstrong  
13th Jeff Hilgaertner and Larry Hines  
15th Loueen Miller  
16th Arcelia Dios  
19th Miriam Hoffmann  
27th Pam Davis and Jorge Dios  
28th Katelyn Kelley  
31st Diana Gross



### Happy Anniversary!

Dan & Ann Bornhoeft - August 1<sup>st</sup>  
Joe & Elena Davis - August 1<sup>st</sup>  
George & Carol Blok - August 31<sup>st</sup>



- If you have an August birthday or anniversary that did not make it into the Trinity Times, please call the church office at (805) 484-0530, so we can update our database.

### Trinity Staff

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**Joe Davis**, Student Ministries: [youth@trinitycamarillo.org](mailto:youth@trinitycamarillo.org)

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**Daniel Szany**, Custodian

**Eliseo Zavala**, Custodian

### Elders

Ed Curtis, Lloyd Friesen, Steve Giles,  
Cindy Harris, Betsy Phillips, and Fred Raniere

### Deacons

**2026:** Ruthie Kay, Pat Lagerstrom, Dory Raymond,  
Zoe Shirley, and Jeanne Spahr

**2027:** Janie Paulger, Karen Peters, Tim Phares and Brenda Schearer

**2028:** Peggy Antos, Corinne Dawson, Michele Friesen,  
Sabrina Gilmor, and Sandra Henningsen

### Contacts: Other organizations on site

#### **Beacon Hill Classical Academy**

Lindsay Leeds - Asst. Administrator - (805) 389-6581

#### **Iglesia Cristiana Reformada de Camarillo**

Pastor Ricardo Aragon - (805) 482-8511

#### **Taiwanese-American Presbyterian Church of Ventura County**

Ted Lin - contact for church - (805) 218-9340

## From the Pastor's Desk



### **Experience the Power and Presence of God: Join Us for Alpha's Teaching on The Holy Spirit**

Are you searching for a deeper connection with God? Wondering how the Holy Spirit works in our lives today? You're invited to one of the most meaningful parts of the Alpha Course — The teaching on The Holy Spirit.

#### **What Is It?**

The Holy Spirit segment of Alpha is a special time to explore who the Holy Spirit is, what the Spirit does, and how you can be filled with God's presence and power. It's not just a day of learning — it's a time of encounter. Through teaching, worship, prayer, and reflection, we create space to experience the Holy Spirit in a personal and life-changing way.

#### **What Will We Talk About?**

On Saturday August 2nd, we'll explore topics like:

Who is the Holy Spirit?

What does the Holy Spirit do?

How can I make the most of the rest of my life?

Each session includes clear teaching, honest discussion, and opportunities for prayer — all in a safe, relaxed, and non-pressured environment.

#### **Why Should You Come?**

Many who attend say it's the highlight of their Alpha experience. It's a time when questions become clarity, faith becomes real, and hearts are renewed. Whether you're new to faith, returning after time away, or just curious, **Saturday August 2nd from 9:30 to 1:30** could be a turning point in your spiritual journey.

#### **Details:**

📍 **Trinity Presbyterian Church Sanctuary**

📅 **31 August 2nd**

🕒 **9:30 - 1:30**

💬 **Lunch and refreshments, are included. (There is no cost to attend, but registration is helpful for planning.)**

Come expectant. Come with your questions. Come and discover the Holy Spirit.

Hope to see you there!

*Pastor Tom*  
Pastor Tom



### Session Highlights

- Membership is now at 182 with the recent passing of Shirley Anderson.
  - Session was asked, Where is God leading us?"
  - Session elected Ruth Fraser to replace Shirley Anderson as the temporary Secretary of Corporation.
  - Session elected Clark McKay to replace Shirley Anderson as the temporary Chair of Finance.
- Session elected Dan Bornhoeft to temporarily replace Shirley Anderson as an elder.
- Session approved to add employees: Frank Vasquez (worship leader) and Austin Kelley (choir section leader).

### Church Life/ Happenings & Upcoming Dates:

- Alpha - continuing through August
- Alpha Weekend Retreat - Aug. 2, 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM
  - The Chosen Season 5 - starting in the fall
  - New Member Class—date to be announced

### Financial Report - June 2025

#### **For the month ending 6/30/2025:**

- Total Income for June was \$94,023.
- Total expenses for June were \$57,002.
- There was a positive result in June of \$37,022.

#### **For the five months ending 6/30/2025:**

- Total YTD income is \$369,049.
- Total YTD expenses are \$372,770.
- There is a negative YTD operating result of (\$3,721).



## TRINITY YOUTH MINISTRIES

### Sunday Schedule

3:00-4:30 PM  
in The Youth Room  
(unless otherwise stated)

**August 3rd:** Cooking

**August 10th:** Games

**August 17th:** No Youth Group

**August 24th:** Movie

**August 31st:** TIFA & Games



### Bible Study & Dinner

Wednesdays

**August 6th – 5:30-7:30**

**August 13th – 5:30-7:30**

**August 20th – 5:30-7:30**

**August 27th – 5:30-7:30**

**Drop-off and Pick-up at Trinity**



Joe Davis also leads a Bible Study for college students on Zoom at 9:00 AM on Monday mornings. If you are interested in joining this Study, contact Joe Davis in the church office: (805) 484-0530 or email: [youth@trinitycamarillo.org](mailto:youth@trinitycamarillo.org)



### Deacons' News!



The deacons and students are so thankful that you choose to designate a portion of your offerings to the Deacons Education Fund. For the 2025-26 school year Trinity will award 6 of our students with scholarships because of your generosity and attention. A scholarship is a unique gift that students remember throughout their lives and it often enhances their career and life choices. Thank you!

### Cake on the Patio

The Deacons and Education Scholarship recipients will be serving cake on the patio on August 10th in celebration of those with August birthdays and anniversaries.

The hospitality café will offer some healthy alternatives, as well.



**Choir is starting back up!**  
**Rehearsals begin Thursday**  
**Aug. 28th at 6:30 pm**

Trinity Choir is a wonderful, supportive, and encouraging family, blessed to be a blessing each Sunday. We sing to worship and praise our God and to spread His word to all who listen.

You don't have to be a strong singer or music reader, but only need to have a willingness to learn. Come be a part of our musical family here at Trinity.

If you're Interested, please see Linda Rhymes on Sunday morning, or call or text her at: (805-796-2730).



Trinity will be serving for Meal Share on Thursday, August 7th. Please look for your email invite from Mary Walling to sign up.

If you want to help and do not receive the email, please see Betsy Phillips on the patio or call her at: (805) 795-7712.

ALL are welcome to attend Meal Share. Come for a hot meal or for the company. Invite others to come too.

## **FIRE: friend, foe, or infliction?**

*Don Sterrenburg*

Forgive me for reaching into my sordid past. One of my favorite boyhood memories was watching a marshmallow get scorched as it dangled atop a repurposed hanger over a warm bonfire in the orchard behind my Grandma's Yucaipa homestead. This family event normally marked the dénouement to a marvelous afternoon beginning with a handful of us cousins rollicking over bales of hay in Grandpa's barn. The capstone lay in devouring a cornucopia of food which was spread over the rear of the buckboard wagon. The finale of the evening was consuming homemade ice cream churned in the White Mountain bucket, and hand-cranked by every red-blooded male in the family.

That was another era. Not now. This fondness for fire has been virtually buried. Our current attention has been skewed by reports of blaze after blaze erupting over populated communities, businesses, and onto global conflagrations.

Biblical records demonstrate that God has used the elements of His creation to administer justice. Early in Scripture we are told that because "The Lord saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of his heart was only evil all the time", God unloaded His wrath upon the earth and covered it with water worldwide, to the point that "every living thing on earth perished..." After the earth was restored, and mankind began to proliferate, we find incident upon incident where man returns to his former corrupt ways. At this juncture, God frequently uses fire to get man's attention.

Take, for instance, the case of God's judgment when He rained down burning sulfur on the depravity of Sodom and Gomorrah. To this day, you can still stumble around large pieces of brimstone rubble on the plains of Zoar. Then who can forget the account of the prophet Elijah at Mount Carmel, getting the last laugh over 450 prophets of Baal as "the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench."

During these current times, our adversary Satan especially enjoys searing our collective conscience with anxiety and fear. Authorities all over our county, state, and nation constantly urge us to *be ready!* It is true that we certainly should not neglect the importance of preparedness. However, there is one fire that the apostle Paul insisted we encourage: "*Do not put out the Spirit's fire!* Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you!"



*August 2025*

## July 2025

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## August 2025

## September 2025

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28	29	30				

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7:00a Men's Bible Study - FS	2 9:30a Alpha Holy Spirit Weekend 6:30p Iglesia - FH
3 9:30a Communion Service - Sanc. 10:00a TAPCVC-FH 5:00p Iglesia- FH, SR, Rm 8 6:00p Alpha - OMC	4 5:30p Men's Bible Study- PH 7:00p CIH Chorus-FH	5 7:00p Brass Band - FH	6 10:00a Ladies' Ensemble- Sanc 10:00a Facilities- SL 2:00p Custodial Mtng- SL 6:00p Women's Group- FS	7 5:00p Meal Share- PH	8 7:00a Men's Bible Study - FS	9 6:30p Iglesia - FH
10 9:30a Worship Serv.-Sanc. 10:00a TAPCVC-FH 5:00p Iglesia- FH, SR, Rm 8 6:00p Alpha - OMC	11 5:30p Men's Bible Study- PH 7:00p CIH Chorus-FH	12 1:30p Finance - FS 6:30p Deacon's Meeting - FS 7:00p Brass Band - FH	13 10:00a Ladies' Ensemble- Sanc 6:00p Women's Group- FS	14	15 7:00a Men's Bible Study - FS	16 1:00p Private Event - Sanc. 6:30p Iglesia - FH
17 9:30a Worship Serv.-Sanc. 10:00a TAPCVC-FH 5:00p Iglesia- FH, SR, Rm 8 6:00p Alpha - OMC	18 5:30p Men's Bible Study- PH 7:00p CIH Chorus-FH	19 6:30p Session- FS 6:30p Personnel - PO 7:00p Brass Band - FH	20 10:00a Ladies' Ensemble- Sanc 6:00p Women's Group- FS	21 5:00p Meal Share- PH	22 7:00a Men's Bible Study - FS	23 6:30p Iglesia - FH
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