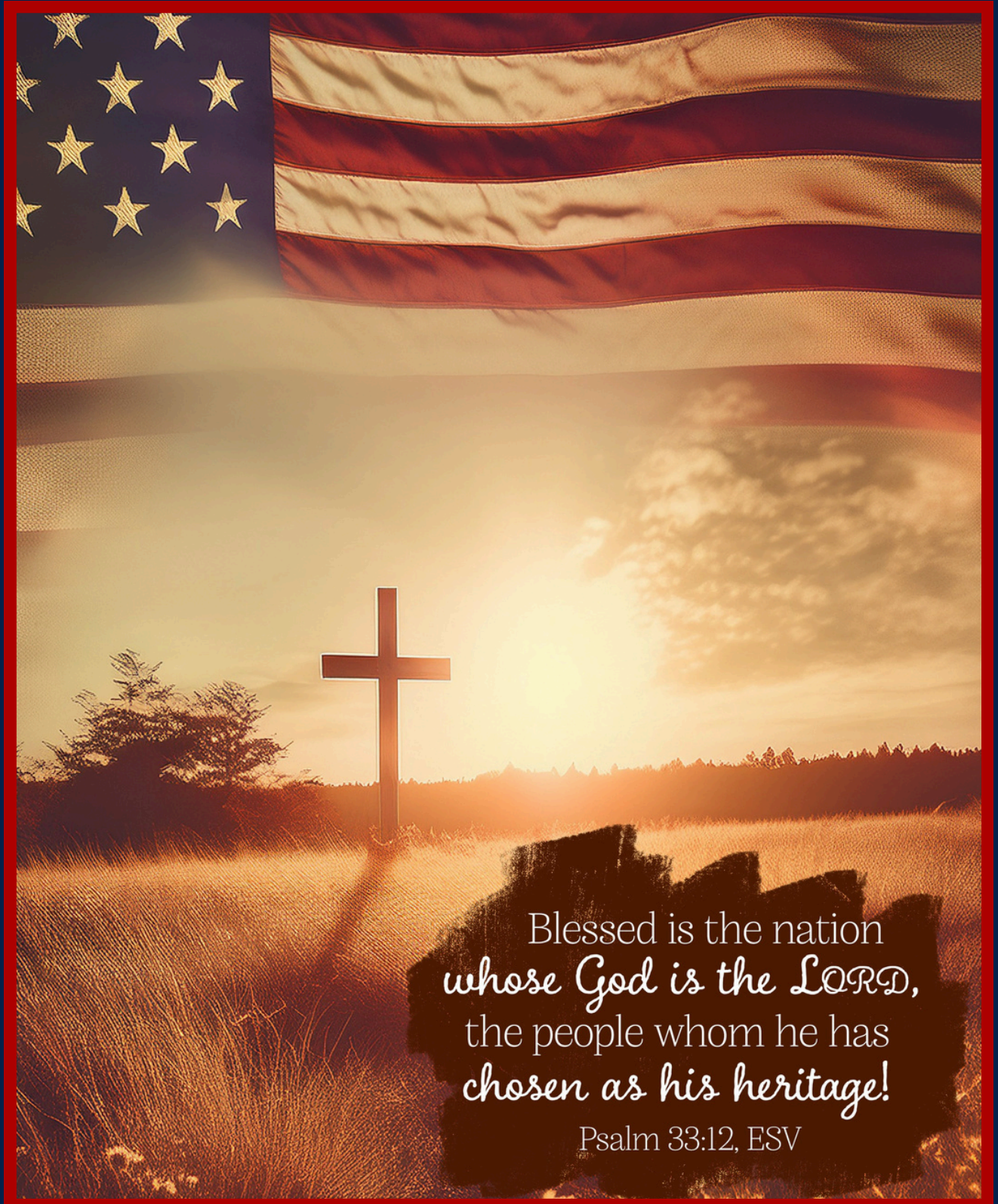


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Blessed is the nation
whose God is the LORD,
the people whom he has
chosen as his heritage!

Psalm 33:12, ESV

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PRAYERS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Terry Ampaya
George Anderson
Marilyn Camper
Betty Chavales
Barbara Ewing
Bette Giles
Fawn Humphries

Esther Johnson
Ted Rains
Ed & Dorothy Vasquez
Nancy Wolf
Carol Young
Grant & Kathi Yule
Marcia Zerkel

PRAYERS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS
OF THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

Jim Ampaya
Barbara Anderson

PRAYERS OF HEALING AND COMFORT

Dona Breitbarth
Arcelia Dios
Pam Egbert
Bette Giles
Joyce Grasmick
Jerry Harman
Pat Harman

Sandy Hess
Jeff Hilgaertner
Nancy Jacobs
Linda Kintner
Ron Lindsay
Ted Rains
Gerry Mann

Tom McWaid
Linda Packham
Linda Riewald
Martha Sanders
Joni Swindle
Dorothy Vasquez
Ed 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!

July

- 1st Judy Cashdollar
- 4th Jim Henningsen
- 7th Pam Egbert and Dory Raymond
- 8th Corina Sulit
- 12th Pat Harman
- 13th Jim Gross and Clark McKay
- 14th George Blok and Todd Hall
- 15th Betty Chavalas
- 27th Owen Cramer
- 30th Michele Friesen



Happy Anniversary!

- Ed & Janet Curtis – July 2nd
- Steve & Mary Dall – July 2nd
- Pastor Tom & Sherry Straeter – July 4th
- Kirk & Dory Raymond – July 13th
- Gary & Margaret Cobb – July 20th
- Steve & Lynne Giles – July 22nd
- Don & Willa Sterrenburg – July 25th
- Jim & Peggy Antos – July 29th



* If you have a July 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.

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Linda Rhymes, Choir Director

Dan Rhymes, Bell Choir Director

Frank Vazquez, Worship Leader

Daniel Szany, Custodian

Eliseo Zavala, Custodian



Elders

Dan Bornhoeft, Ed Curtis, Joe Davis, Jorge Dios, Lloyd Friesen, Steve Giles, and Fred Raniere

Deacons

2027: Janie Paulger, Karen Peters, & Brenda Schearer

2028: Peggy Antos, Michele Friesen, Sabrina Gilmore, & Sandra Henningsen

2029: Mary Dall, Elena Davis, Arcelia Dios, Ruthie Kay, & Zoe Shirley

Contacts: Other organizations on site

Beacon Hill Classical Academy

Teresa Deutsch - Elementary School Principal - (805) 415-9044

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

From the Pastor's Desk



As I look back over the past 9 years of ministry here at Trinity, I am so thankful for the opportunity to serve our Lord with you. You all have been such a blessing to Sherry and I, and although it will be hard to leave, I look forward to having the opportunity to address some health issues that need to be addressed in my life, as well as to spend more time with my immediate family.

As I say in just about every memorial service I officiate, “one of the hardest things we have to do in life is say goodbye to someone we love and have been loved by.” 115 people have passed away during my tenure at Trinity. When I came, there were 191 Covenant Partners on the rolls; people I have looked up to and have been taught and inspired by as they lived out their faith in Jesus. Friends such as, Dale & Jan Ackerman, Shirley Anderson, Larry Davis, Dennis Hipp, Paige Wolfe, Dick Phillips, Myrtle Scobell, Joe Yaeger, Howard Zerkel, Mallory Raniere, Shirley Randall, Bob Paulger, Curt Luft, Chuck Egbert, Ed Hulac, and Rita Varav (which is only about 15% of those we miss and were blessed by). God Is Good!

From the Pastor's Desk (cont.)



The next chapter in the life of Trinity is going to be an exciting one as you continue to look outwards and use the gifts God has given you to further His Kingdom. God has a plan and He wants to use you to bring about His plan for Trinity. Yes, we miss those who have passed, but God is bringing new “partners” that will help us step forward as we Love Christ, Live for Christ, and Lead others to Christ. Just as Sherry and I felt welcomed here at Trinity, I hope the next pastor will feel just as welcomed and supported by all of you.

Always remember “God loves you and there’s nothing you can do about it!”

God's Grace & Peace

Pastor Tom





Cake on the Patio

The Deacons will be serving cake on the patio on Sunday, July 12th to celebrate those with July birthdays and anniversaries

Trinity is serving Meal Share on **Thursday, July 9th**. Notice we will not be serving on the first Thursday, as we usually do.

Look for your email invite from Mary Walling to sign up to help. If you do not already receive the invitation to help and would like to, please email Mary at mwalling43@gmail.com

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



Welcome New Members



Lyle Salugao & Corina Sulit



Mikayla , Nathan, & Jason Salugao

*Congratulations To Mikayla and family on her baptism.
May God bless you and keep you all.





Happy
RETIREMENT

*Pastor Tom
& Sherry Straeter*

Join us on Sunday, July 26th for a special worship service at 10:15 AM, followed by a catered lunch and program in Piper Hall at 11:30 AM.

In Honor Of
***Pastor Tom Straeter
& Sherry Straeter***

Please RSVP to Kim in the church office:
805-484-0530, or email:
trinitychurchcamarillo@gmail.com
by: Monday, July 20th at noon

*There will be a basket on the table for cards and gifts of love for Pastor Tom and Sherry, as well as a donation pot for anyone choosing to make a freewill offering to help cover the party/ lunch expenses.

Session Highlights

- Membership is at 184 with the recent passing of Jim Ampaya and the addition of 5 new members (Lyle Salugao, Corina Sulit, and Nathan, Jason, and Mikayla Salugao).
- Session reviewed two candidates that had been interviewed for the Transitional Pastor position. They interviewed a 3rd candidate on June 24th.
- Session discussed pulpit supply for the weeks/months leading up to a start date for a new Transitional Pastor.
- Session voted to use some of the money left to Trinity by Shirley Anderson to match donations (up to \$45,000) made to the organ fund.

Church Life/ Happenings & Upcoming Dates

- Pastor Tom's last Sunday at Trinity - July 26th
 - Worship Service at 10:15 AM
 - Retirement Lunch for Pastor Tom & Sherry - at 11:30 AM

Financial Report - May 2026

For the month ending 5/31/26:

* Total income for May was \$52,484

* Total expenses for May were \$76,472

*There was a negative operating result of (\$23,998)

For the five months ending 5/31/26:

*Total YTD income is \$289,601

*Total YTD expenses are \$297,584

*There is a negative YTD operating result of (\$7,983)

Why do we need a new organ?

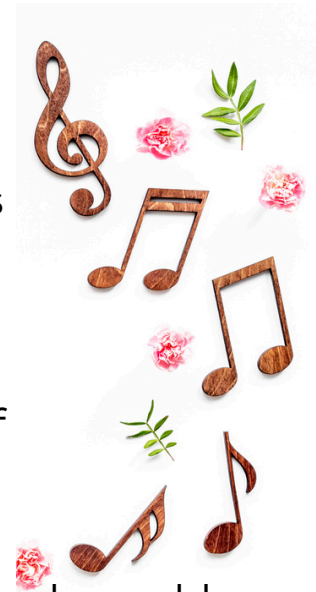
What you may not know is that our organ is 50 years old, and it was installed in 1974! It has been repaired many times over the years, and some functions no longer work.

Trinity is very fortunate to have Dr. Gary Cobb as our organist. He continues to bring wonderful music to us each week. However, he is working around the issues, and most of us don't realize how bad it is. Dr. Cobb chooses music to play according to the function he has.

Music is an integral part of worship and a new organ console would inspire all worshippers. This organ music would be a gift to the congregation and would ensure that music is of the highest quality, befitting the worship experience. Therefore, it is time to replace and upgrade the organ to a new state of the art system. The existing pipes are properly referred to as the "the organ". We plan to expand and update our pipe organ by hybridizing the existing organ with a new digital console. The new organ would need very little tuning and repairs going forward.

The cost, of course, is substantial at \$105,000! The good news is that a special fund has already been set up and has over a fourth of what is needed. Also, Session has approved to use some of the funds donated by Shirley Anderson to match additional donations made to this fund. If you would like to help in this endeavor, you can write a check to Trinity with "organ" in the memo line. . We encourage you to help out with this if you are able, as this will make a major improvement in our music program.

If you have questions or need more information, see Dr. Cobb. He can show you the detailed organ planning report.



Spilling more ink on the papyrus?

by: Don Sterrenburg

As the Apollo 8 emerged from its orbit coming round the backside of the moon in 1962, astronaut William Anders raised his camera and photographed mother Earth sitting in distant space some 239,000 miles away. The image became famous as it adorned a U.S. postage stamp sporting the caption, “In the beginning God...”. On the opposing blank page in my Bible, I have affixed one of those six-cent stamps directly across from Genesis 1:1.

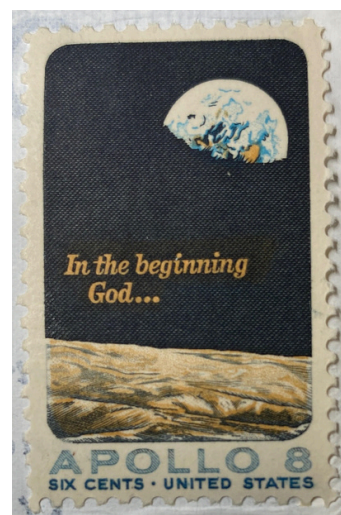
Over the years I confess to having scribbled a plethora of comments, notes, and observations in the margins of my Bible. And I have done so with absolutely no feelings of guilt nor compunction that I have violated the sanctity of God’s Word. If anything, I believe it has enhanced and solidified many of the purposes with which the Lord has challenged me in my Christian walk.

Over the centuries, mankind has added a number of devices that were never recorded in the original manuscripts of the Bible – devices that have been helpful, but not inspired and not a part of the canon of Scripture. Here are a few examples: In the year 1205AD, Cardinal Langton took it upon himself to assign chapter divisions in each book of the Bible; In the 15th century AD, scholarly footnotes began to appear in various translations – and still do; And in 1551AD, Robert Estienne, gave himself the task of introducing verse divisions, which often remain a puzzlement in some areas of Scripture.

All of the above only illustrate that mankind, skilled or not, has taken the liberty of providing Scriptural insights that can only be considered as helpful adjuncts to original manuscripts.

Please understand that I am not implying or, especially, encouraging the use of those brilliant white margins in your Bible to be a backdrop for recording any flippant idea that crosses your mind. What I do see as legitimate subjects for putting ‘pen to papyrus’ are underlining specific words, phrases, or even verses with which you feel the Lord has spoken to you. I’ll even go beyond that to say you may wish to record some remark our pastor, or a godly author, or some other man or woman of God, has said that would further open your eyes and heart to God’s love. Go for it! Jot it down! And I would add that well-placed quotations from other sources which bring praise to the God we worship would be legitimate jewels to enter in the margins of His word.

Allow the Holy Spirit to remind you of the joy the Lord wants to emblazon on your heart.



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July 2026

August 2026						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
PH = Piper Hall FS = Fireside Room Sanc. = Sanctuary SL = Staff Lounge FH = Fellowship Hall PO = Pastor's Office YR = Youth Room OMC = Outdoor Ministry Center			1 10:00a Facilities - SL 2:00p Cust.Mtng-SL	2	3 7:00a Men's Bible Study - FS	4 3:00p Iglesia Picnic - Grass Area
5 9:30a Communion Service - Sanc. 10:00a TAPCVC-FH 5:00p Iglesia- FH, SR, Rm 8	6 6:45p CIH Chorus - FH	7 9:30a Staff meeting - PO 7:00p Brass Band - FH	8	9 5:00p Meal Share - PH	10 7:00a Men's Bible Study - FS	11 6:30p Iglesia - FH
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