



Trinity United Methodist Church Newsletter

“Live by Faith, Be Known by Love, Be A Voice of Hope”

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I Am A Seed Planter*

This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. . . — [Mark 4:26](#)

When Jesus came to live and teach among us, it was common for a farmer to sling a bag of seed over his shoulder and to walk through his fields scattering handfuls of seed onto the freshly tilled soil.

As Jesus explains the process of the seed sprouting and growing in this parable, we can see that the seed symbolizes the good news of salvation, bringing the potential for new life. As Paul explains similarly in [Romans 1:16](#), “The gospel . . . is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.” The gospel is a potent force, capable of transforming lives and entire communities. Like seed hidden beneath the surface, its message takes root out-of-sight, deep within the human heart. There it grows and matures, eventually yielding a harvest of righteousness.

Rather than hoarding the seed of the gospel, we are called to scatter it generously as we journey through life. We scatter seed by supporting missionaries or mission organizations, volunteering for a community service project, inviting a neighbor over for coffee, and more. We sow gospel seed when we nurture spiritual conversations with our family members and friends. We sow seed with colleagues at work. When we spread the good news of Jesus, we participate in the process of bringing forth spiritual fruit.

Lord, you have shared the good news with us and have given us new life. Help us to share it with others, knowing you will make it grow and bring forth a bountiful harvest, to your glory. Amen.

Editor’s Note: Over the next few months, we will be examining different aspects of evangelism in building Trinity’s place in the community through various evangelism strategies as a way to build Trinity membership and influence in the Treasure Coast community. In some instances, stories with pertinent ideas and approaches to evangelism will be presented as ways to enhance daily practice

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AUGUST

Pastor's Corner

Five in Five

Five sermons in as many days. Delivered to Middle Schoolers! This has been a summer of firsts!

Earlier this year, I was invited to preach to the Middle Schoolers at Warren Willis Camp during one of their summer sessions. A spot was open on the usual week Trinity's kids head up there, so I agreed to try. I admit I was nervous about the whole thing. Would the kids resonate with me? Or would I spend a week seeing their eyes glaze over?

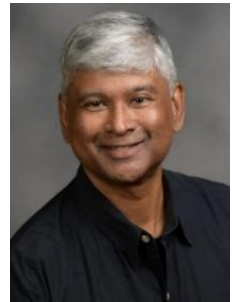
The quick succession of sermons forced me to revamp my preparations. Normally, my week involves researching, ruminating, writing, editing, and printing and rehearsing from a manuscript. Instead, I had to research each day, ruminate for only a few hours, record my impressions, organize my thoughts, and preach extemporaneously. I had no time to draft a manuscript. Instead, I jotted notes on Google Slides, went over them on my phone, and then prayed during the praise set that God would give me a message that the kids could hear.

Surprisingly, God helped me hit all the points I wanted to make. Rarely did I get stuck or stumble. Preaching without notes also freed me to move around the chancel, staying connected with the kids. It's gratifying to learn that I have this new tool in my toolbox, should I have occasion to preach on short notice!

My ministry at camp didn't just involve preaching: It was also a ministry of presence. During lunch and dinner, I sat and ate with the campers. I also took part in their Archery lesson. Thanks to Darryl Baker's instruction over the years, I hit the target every time!

At the end, one camper hugged me during worship, saying he didn't want me to leave. Another camper opened up to me during the week about his struggles in life. It's God's blessing that we, as Methodists in Florida, have created a safe space for kids to step away from daily life and into a loving relationship with Christ and with one another. This is a ministry well worth preserving!

Next year, I pray that Trinity can send even more kids to Warren Willis Camp. This year's experience was so transformative that my kids wanted to go back for a second session! God willing, we can do so next year!



Anil



What Does It Mean to Pray Without Ceasing?*

Since we designated July as our month of Prayer, I am hoping each of you took time for personal prayer. I read this article and wanted to share it with you on how we are to pray without ceasing, live with a prayerful attitude and mindset.

“In this article, we will explore the meaning of praying without ceasing... spend more time with God throughout your entire day. The Bible tells us to “pray without ceasing,” but what, exactly, does this mean? It’s a command that Paul writes in 1 Thessalonians 5:17 when he tells the church in Thessalonica to “rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances.” He goes on to say to readers that “this is God’s will” for them under Jesus Christ.

The call to pray without ceasing is a clear invitation for Christians to continually seek God in their lives. It’s a bold proclamation that, at first glance, might seem almost impossible to live out.

Christian commentator Matthew Henry once explained the importance of praying without ceasing, noting that the act and mindset help keep believers spiritually connected:

A truly religious life is a life of constant joy. And we should rejoice more if we prayed more. Prayer will help forward all lawful business and every good work. If we pray without ceasing, we shall not want matter for thanksgiving in everything. We shall see cause to give thanks for sparing and preventing, for common and uncommon, past and present, temporal and spiritual mercies. Not only for prosperous and pleasing, but also for afflicting providences, for chastisements and corrections; for God designs all for our good, though we at present see not how they tend to it. Quench not the Spirit.

This explanation is clear: *prayer matters*—and it doesn’t only have value during the tough times when we seek God to guide us through our issues. Prayer should be an ongoing process that we engage in as we face various problems, victories, and decisions.”

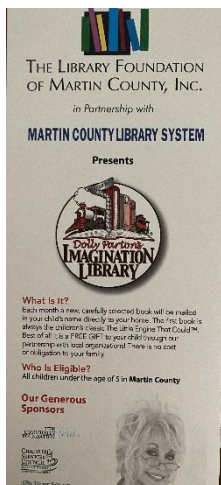
Take time each and every day to spend time with God in prayer!

Rick

**This article was copied from The Great America Pure Flix Insider Newsletter by Billy Hallowell*



Interested in Free Children’s Books?



Free books for Trinity’s parents and grandparents who might like getting books for young children are available through the *Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library*.

Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library does not charge parents for the books it sends to children. It is a free book gifting program that mails high-quality, age-appropriate

books to children from birth until their fifth birthday, according to the program’s website. The program is funded through a combination of donations from Dolly Parton and local community partners.

From Trinity's Sound & Media Department

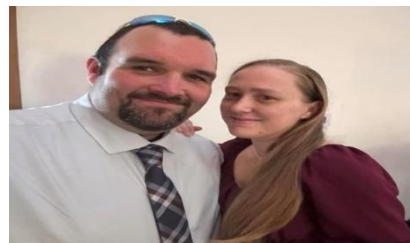
JOY.....A gift from God, the Fruit of the Holy Spirit

Finding Joy can sometimes be a challenge—life often throws us Curveballs that can feel overwhelming. However, it is important to remember that Joy is a conscious decision we make, rather than merely a fleeting emotion we passively await.

While the world may bombard us with countless challenges, there's one steadfast reason to embrace Joy: GOD is always with us and remains in control!

Experiencing Joy doesn't imply that everything is flawless or simple; rather, it signifies a deep trust that God's goodness prevails, even amid turmoil and tough times. This joy acts as an anchor for our souls, reminding us that we are not alone in our struggles.

To cultivate joy in our lives, we can start by shifting our focus. Instead of fixating on our difficulties, we can choose to reflect on the blessings, no matter how small they may seem. Practicing gratitude allows us to appreciate the little things – like a warm cup of coffee in the morning, the laughter of a friend, or the beauty of nature around us.



Additionally, surrounding ourselves with positivity and uplifting influences can significantly impact our emotional well-being. Engaging in community, whether through family, friends, or church, can foster a sense of belonging and support that nurtures Joy. Sharing our experiences and listening to the stories of others can also remind us that we are part of something greater, a tapestry woven together by shared human experience.

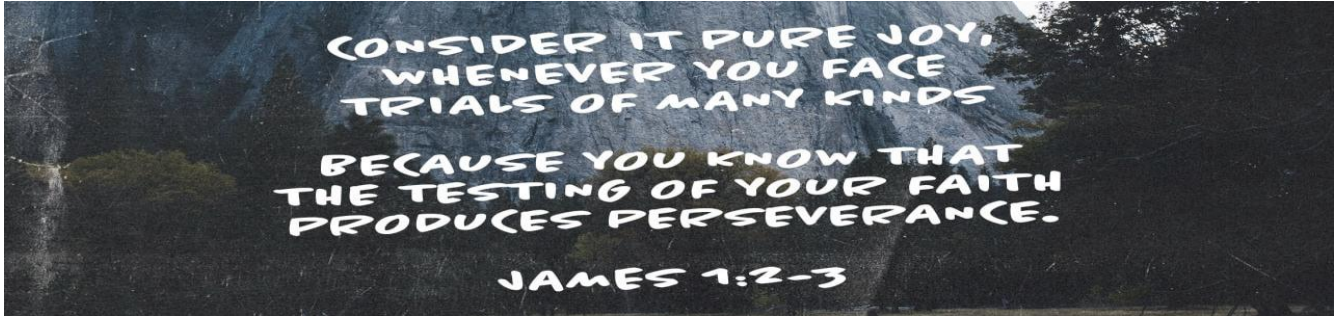
Moreover, taking time for self-care and nurturing our spirits through prayer, meditation, or simply spending time in nature can recharge our hearts and minds. These moments of reflection help us to realign our thoughts with the truth of God's promises, reinforcing the belief that joy is always within reach, even when life feels heavy.

In conclusion, while many factors can cloud our view of Joy, we have the power to choose how we respond to life's ups and downs. By anchoring ourselves in Faith and surrounding ourselves with love and positivity, we can cultivate a lasting Joy that transcends our circumstances.

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Remember, Joy is not merely an emotion; it is a resilient state of being, rooted in the unwavering presence of God in our lives. So let us choose Joy, today and every day, as we walk this journey together.



Mike & Tiffanie Fields

What is the Purpose of the Church?

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost—Matthew 28:19

In today's church world, the key purpose for the existence of the church seems to have been lost. Jesus clearly gave the marching orders to the church before ascending to His Father in Heaven. He said that we were to go into all the world and preach the gospel. He declared that we were to make disciples of men from all nations. The primary function of any church should be to reach into the society in which it resides and through the proclamation of the gospel message, bringing people into relationship with Jesus Christ. While it is certainly correct and right to do good things for our communities, nothing should be a higher priority than evangelism. The proclamation of the word that takes place both inside and outside the walls of any church should be our first concern. It is primarily by the preached word that men are saved, and Christians are built up in Christ. Sadly, many churches have dropped the great commission and embraced other activities that make them more acceptable to the lost of society. For some this has become the primary purpose instead of trying to bring the lost into relationship with Christ. Let us not make the great commission the great omission. We all need to preach the gospel.



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Meet your Neighbors: Andreia and Joe Forbes

*One must manage his own family well, having children
who respect and obey him.—1 Timothy 3:4*

Andreia and Joe Forbes moved their family to Jensen Beach from San Diego, California, about three years ago. The family includes their daughter Julia and son Thomas, as well as Joe's lovely mom, Amelia. Joe's dad was planning on coming as well but passed shortly before their move to Florida.

Andreia grew up in the Catholic Church, and Joe had been raised in the Methodist Church so when they moved here, they wanted to find another Methodist Church. They were drawn to Pastor Anil's sincerity in delivery of sermons as well as his Philippine background (which matched Joe's). And the church, having a diverse ethnic membership, drew their interest as well. Shortly after they became members, they invited Pastor Anil and his family over for dinner. This was something that they had never done before, nor seen others do...no one ever invited the pastor and family to their home. They felt a relationship growing and that this church was truly an extension of the family unit.



As young parents, I asked them if parenting was everything they thought it would be before having children. Andreia said that it certainly can be challenging but also can be so rewarding and full of blessings. They both said they will be happy if their children become young adults who find their own way in life while still being kind. Since the church has a minimal number of young families, I wondered if they had any thoughts on why Trinity doesn't have more young families. While not suggesting that any one issue was to blame, they indicated that there are 7 churches just in this area, which is a considerable amount of competition. They also said that the growth of the TC3 church has had an impact, as it really does not exemplify the traditional beliefs but patterns itself more to the wants and desires of what the younger generations are looking for today. I asked if they felt Florida being a destination state for retirees made a difference. They said not really. There are many young families living here and schools continuing to be built to accommodate the increase in population.

I asked both if there was one thing about each of them that no one in the church knew. Andreia mentioned that she grew up in a small German village in Brazil and only spoke German while growing up. Joe indicated that his parents moved to the states when he and his siblings were very young and his parents had not trained them to speak the native language nor were they taught any of the traditional rituals of their background, as his parents wanted to try and eliminate as much discrimination against the children as they could. Today Joe is trying to learn about everything he can, regarding his heritage. Joe's mother is a retired medical doctor, of which some of you may not be aware.

To summarize, Andreia hopes her children will remember her as being kind, a contributor, and one who helps whenever needed. And Joe wants his children to grow up without feeling entitled as he's seen so often in today's younger generations.

It was a blessing to speak with such a loving, devoted, and committed young couple as I'm sure those of you who know the Forbes Family can attest to as well. What a wonderful addition to our church family!

Meri

CHURCH: WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

(Besides Forgiveness of Sins & Everlasting Life, lol....)

While we know that worship and prayer are beneficial to our spiritual health, it is great to know that worship and prayer benefit physical health as well. Peace, joy, perspective, relief from torment, security, focus, wisdom, enhanced resilience, healthier lifestyle choices, enhanced emotional regulation, improved mental health, increased gratitude, sense of purpose, increased compassion, social connection, stress reduction, spiritual growth; that's quite a bit of enhanced reality! You're a doubter? Read on.



Newberg's research uncovered something remarkable: prayer and worship don't just influence our thoughts—they actually change the brain. Using brain imaging, Newberg found measurable changes in both the size and activity of two key brain areas. One of these was the *cingulate cortex*, which showed a clear increase in both volume and metabolic activity. This part of the brain is closely tied to empathy, compassion, and emotional regulation. In simple terms, as this region grows more active, people tend to become kinder, more forgiving, and more trusting.

Even more surprising was what happened in the *amygdala*, the brain's center for fear and stress. Newberg observed a significant *decrease* in its activity—especially in how it triggers the hypothalamus, the command center for the body's "fight or flight" response. This calming of the fear

system is associated with reduced anxiety, lower blood pressure, a steadier heart rate, and even a drop in inflammation markers in the body.



These findings helped to confirm what many have long suspected: regular spiritual practices like prayer and worship can lead to real, physical health benefits. Further studies have shown that these brain changes can lead to meaningful improvements in mental well-being—reductions in depression, anxiety, chronic pain, and even symptoms of PTSD.

In short, worship doesn't just shape beliefs; it shapes the brain—and by extension, the person. Through its effects on the cingulate cortex and the amygdala, worship helps us become more emotionally resilient, more connected to others, and more at peace within ourselves.

Newberg's findings are very interesting *and* significant! Here is the link to article:

[Neurophysiological Benefits of Worship](#) or type in your browser

<https://knowledge.e.southern.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1063&context=jbffl>.

We have plenty of things going on at Trinity, and plenty of things to engage people in active service, including Prayer team, Visitation team, Blessings in A Bag, Kitchen Ministry, and Sanctuary Maintenance. Maybe you'd like to be an Usher or Greeter? You can join the Men's or Ladies Groups, make a shawl or blanket for congregants in need with Hooks and Needles, and you can sing with our Praise Team or Choir, play bells, and maybe add a new instrument! We have kids who need adults in their lives, and of course, there's our Drama Team.

We also have a lot of fun. From Holiday Cantatas, Pancake Breakfasts, and special times like Holy Week commencing with a spectacular Easter Sunrise Service on Jensen Beach—a great time to meet the community! To things like Churchwide Picnics, the Annual Christmas Craft and Bake Sale, our in-

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house White Elephant Christmas Gift Exchange, Ladies Tea and Fashion Show, our Transfiguration Sunday Fire, Pentecost Drum Circle, Tai Chi Classes, and Line Dance. Wow, we have a lot going on! We also offer Lunch and Learn Sunday, Bible Studies, and sometimes things will just pop up. I didn't even mention the concerts! Treasure Coast Community Singers are based here and provide us with yearly concerts, as well as JBHS Jubilate and Treasure Coast Classical Guitar Society, Composer Weekend, and the ever evolving Medicinal Plant and Food Forest in the making.

So many reasons to be involved in this church. We feed kids, provide temporary housing to some in need through Family Promise, we send food to House of Hope, collect new baby clothes and diapers for Helping People Succeed. We participate in The Heifer Project that helps families succeed. We offer insightful and relevant content in our Sermons—with coffee, cakes and conversation after (or before) your service and all the time “Creating Disciples for the Transformation of the World”. Because, as you learn more about Christ (like a student/disciple), you will effect change in the world as well as those you share your church with.

At Trinity, relationships grow, your world expands to include worship, prayer and service. It has been demonstrated that church involvement and worship benefit your physical health. At Trinity you can foster sacred friendships, grow your faith, learn more about God, be of service in a space of your choice, enhance your personal physical health, and find a spiritual home. What more can you offer a friend? Bring people to church. It really can help change the world.

Randi

Editor's note: If you have a recipe to share, please send to dwstacks@gmail.com.

Recipe of the Month: Hawaiian Ham and Swiss Sliders

Need something to prepare for a neighborhood party or a potluck gathering? Or just want to try something new for lunch or a casual dinner? This recipe may be just what you need. It's quite easy and fun to make. As the chief said to the skeleton: “Bone Appetite”

- ¾ pound of deli ham
- ¾ pound of sliced Swiss cheese • Most of a stick of butter
- 1½ T of Deli mustard Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tsp minced dried onion • Poppy seeds
- A 12 pack of King's Hawaiian dinner rolls

Melt butter and mix in mustard, with sauce and onion

Cut the entire pack of rolls horizontally keeping top and bottom halves intact

Cover the whole bottom of the loaf with alternate layers of ham and Swiss

Put in a greased baking pan and cover with top of the loaf

Drizzle butter mixture over the rolls and sprinkle with poppy seeds

Bake uncovered in a preheated 350-degree oven for 20 to 30 minutes

Separate and serve. See if you can just eat one.

Enjoy

Terry Tychan



AMOS

ORDER IN OLD TESTAMENT

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

TYPE

30 9

PROPHECY, MINOR



OVERVIEW

Amos was a shepherd from Tekoa, a small town 10 miles south of Jerusalem. This was unusual, as most prophets did not have previous occupations. Amos predicted the overthrow of the Kingdom of Israel by the Assyrians, which happened in 722 BC. He also predicted the doom of Judah and many surrounding nations.



WRITTEN
750 BC



TIME PERIOD COVERED
722-516 BC



AUTHOR
The Prophet Amos

1 AMOS' CALLING AND JUDGMENT AGAINST MANY NATIONS

AMOS 1-2

Amos is called to be a prophet and declare God's Word to Israel, Damascus, Gaza, Tyre, Edom, Ammon, Moab, Judah, and Israel are specifically named for their transgressions and warned that they will fall under God's judgment.

2 JUDGMENTS AGAINST ISRAEL

AMOS 3-6

Amos preaches about the judgment that the people are inflicting upon themselves because of their wickedness. Amos tells the people that they are obstinate because they have wealth and are successful.

3 AMOS IS ATTACKED PERSONALLY

AMOS 7

Amos asks God to end the planned plagues to give the people more time to repent. The people curse Amos, accuse him of being evil, and demand that he leave. Amos responds by recalling his mission as a prophet and the Lord's command to prophesy to Israel.

4 THE PEOPLE ARE COMPARED TO RIPE FRUIT

AMOS 8

Amos declares the downfall of the people. He reprimands the country for proclaiming to be righteous while neglecting its poor and needy, and taking advantage of the weak. Amos prophesies of future famine.

5 THE DESTRUCTION OF ISRAEL

AMOS 9

Amos warns of God's promise to destroy the people and land, which eventually comes to pass when the Assyrians invade. Amos closes with promises of restoration in the end days.

The Art of Stewardship—Treasure

Last November we had the opportunity to read in our newsletter and worship bulletins several articles about stewardship. The five T's of stewardship: our *Time, Talents, Treasure, Temple* and *Testimony*. We were briefly introduced to The Stewardship Tree along with its parts: roots (time), trunk (talents and temple), branches (treasure), leaves and flowers (testimony) and soil (growth).



During 2025 we will explore in more detail each of the parts of The Stewardship Tree. Each month we will dig a little deeper into each part of the tree. We have already explored time, talents, temple, and testimony. This month we will look at *Treasure*. We will look at other parts of the tree in future months.

Stewardship is a concept that transcends mere ownership. It implies a deeper responsibility towards the careful management, preservation, and enhancement of valuable resources or treasures. These treasures can range from tangible assets like wealth and property to intangible ones such as knowledge, culture, and the environment.

When it comes to financial treasures, stewardship means managing wealth in a way that aligns with ethical values, long-term goals, and the greater good.

The Core Principles of Financial Stewardship include:

- *Responsibility*: Recognizing that wealth is not just for personal gain but a resource that must be managed wisely.
- *Integrity*: Ensuring that financial actions are guided by honesty and moral principles.
- *Sustainability*: Making decisions that consider long-term impacts on financial health and societal well-being.
- *Accountability*: Being answerable for financial decisions and their outcomes.
- *Transparency*: Maintaining openness in financial dealings to build trust and credibility.

Some practical aspects of financial stewardship include budgeting and planning, investing wisely, saving for the future, philanthropy and giving. Challenges in financial stewardship include: economic uncertainty, ethical dilemmas and personal discipline.

The art of stewardship is a timeless and essential practice that enriches our lives and our world. By embracing the responsibility of caring for our treasures, we honor the past, enhance the present, and create a brighter future. Whether through environmental conservation, cultural preservation, or personal and community development, stewardship is a powerful and transformative force. Let us all strive to be good stewards, recognizing the value of what we hold and committing ourselves to its thoughtful and dedicated care. As stewards of financial treasures, the ultimate goal is to create a lasting legacy of positive impact.

TUMC Finance Committee

Live by Faith, Be Known by Love, Be a Voice of Hope

Methodist Men

Fifteen Methodist Men met for fellowship, devotion, and prayer at 8:00 a.m. on July 5th. After a breakfast of coffee, juice, scrambled eggs, potatoes, and fruit, Don Frye welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 8:17 a.m.

Levi Miller presented a devotion on the Power of Prayer and its impact on daily life and closed with the Lord's Prayer. Jim Williams followed with a Treasure's Report of \$3,236.91 as of the end of May, but noted that expenses from the last picnic had yet to be reported.

Don then turned to the meeting's agenda and announced that the last summer picnic will be held on August 31st, and details will be worked out at the August Men's Methodist meeting. He also said that a winter picnic was being scheduled for January or February 2026. Discussion focused on the weather advantages of either month; a final decision will be made later.

Don then turned the meeting over to Terry Tychan. Terry noted how the *Trinity Newsletter* was getting traction and that he had sent it to his sister who liked it. He then suggested that a new feature be added that provided recipes from members. Don Stacks noted that the Newsletter was now going via email to all members who provided email addresses and that reach was about 200. Terry suggested that a new article dealing with recipes that members like be added and the first recipe be one he enjoyed and Don S. agreed to include it.

Don F then reviewed the year thus far, noting that it had been productive. Methodist Men helped the Priscilla Circle's Tea as servers and hosted three pancake breakfasts bringing in \$3,170. It also hosted two free picnics and the Chili Cookoff. In addition, several members helped clean up the campus and spread mulch prior to the Easter services. He noted that we had added four new members and lost three for a gain of one member. Finally, he thanked Barry Brunner, Jim Williams, and Levi Miller for their jobs as officers of the group and Dale Forbes for his getting all the art added to the Fellowship Hall and Don Stacks for getting out the monthly *Newsletter*. It was then moved that Don F., Jim, Barry, and Levi be elected for another term. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Jim Williams then talked about getting word about Trinity out to the community and that our new member joined us through Trinity's internet services and joined the church electronically—a first for Trinity.

The floor was then turned over to Lowell Kafer. Lowell expressed how much he loved the group and Trinity and that attending was getting more difficult and he may not be able to attend regularly. Members expressed their love for Lowell and Sara and how much they had contributed to Trinity.

Before adjournment Donna Ross thanked the group for their support for her brother, Jessie Calloway's attendance and that this was one of his favorite outings.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Don Stacks



AMOS 30 OT



Amos was a shepherd. He lived with a group of shepherds in Tekoa, a small town 10 miles south of Jerusalem. He prophesied about 760 BC. Uzziah was king of Judah, and Jeroboam II was King of Israel. He was born in Judah but prophesied in Israel. He predicted the overthrow of the Kingdom of Israel by the Assyrians, which happened in 722 BC.

He also predicted the doom of Judah and the doom of many surrounding nations



BREAKDOWNS

✓ BOOK/CHAPTER/VERSES SUBJECT

<input type="checkbox"/> Amos 1	Judgment on Neighboring Countries
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<input type="checkbox"/> Amos 7:10-17	Death of Israel and King Jeroboam Predicted
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<input type="checkbox"/> Amos 9:1-10	How God Will Destroy Israel
<input type="checkbox"/> Amos 9:11-15	A Vision of the Future and Restoration

Most Popular Verses

✓ BOOK/CHAPTER/VERSES RANK

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Priscilla Circle

Have you ever wondered where your money goes when you donate to “Noisy Change” every 3rd Sunday of the month? We send this money yearly to the *Heifer Project International*. Their mission is to end hunger and poverty and begins with the investment of livestock and agriculture.

The Heifer Project International is a global nonprofit working to eradicate poverty and hunger through providing animals, agricultural training not only to residents in the United States but also around the world.

The Heifer project has been around since 1944. The founder, Dan West, realized that handing out food was not enough and that families need to learn how to become self-sufficient. The goal is to help families lift themselves out of hunger and poverty permanently. Families receive livestock like bees, chickens, goats, and cows, along with training in their care. These animals supply families with nutritious honey, eggs, milk, and cheese to eat and stay healthy, and they can sell the extra for their income. Families are asked to give the animals first offspring to another family in need where they can also take steps to be self-sufficient. All of this takes place not only here in the United States but around the world. Heifer Project believes with a hand up—not a handout—a family can become self-reliant, earn a steady income, and rebuild their lives.

Families are provided and taught how to plant and take care of the seeds they receive to increase food production and care of their land. This allows farmers to develop flourishing fruit and vegetable gardens where they will have access to healthy food. Also, they will have access to markets and are able to develop profitable, sustainable businesses, ensuring they can earn a living income.

Heifer’s goal is to empower impoverished communities to overcome hunger and poverty in a sustainable way by providing resources, training and support for agricultural endeavors.

The Priscilla Circle has been able to send over \$3,000 each year with your help by giving small amounts of change each month. We try to forward our donations during a time when Heifer can match the funds so the money will go further to buy animals and agricultural needs.

Thank you for your help as your change will give a family the animals, education and resources to feed their children.

Pat Williams



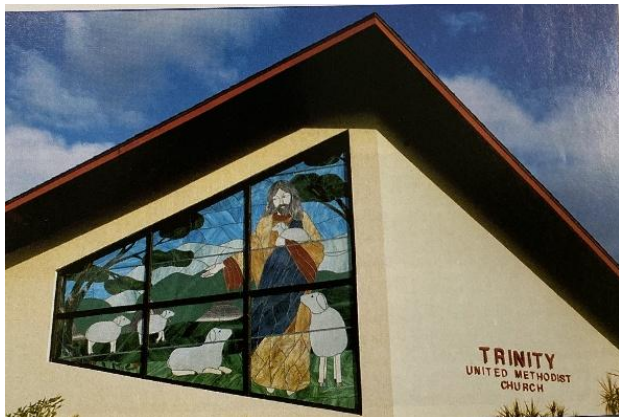
MATTHEW 4:19, ESV

Trinity Art Infusion

This is a term we use to describe art on display at Trinity. We hope that by engaging with the art, people can gain a more meaningful and context rich understanding of the subject matter.

We have had many displays of art in Fellowship Hall by children and adults, congregation members, and members of our community. The Treasure Coast is filled with artists and art lovers. Individual counties generally have organizations designed to promote arts of all kinds within the county. Martin County has MartinArts. St Lucie County has the St Lucie Cultural Alliance. There are many threads throughout our communities *connecting* us together through many forms of art. Much as Trinity has many activities that bind its members together.

Today, I will describe one of the most magnificent pieces of art that we at Trinity see every time we step into the Sanctuary. That is the fabulous, stained-glass window of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. The Pastor frequently draws the congregation's attention to this window to illustrate and emphasize important aspects in his sermons. The subject of Jesus as the Good Shepherd leaves a *lasting impression* and represents a deep seated Christian biblical view of Jesus as protector and provider of unconditional love.



Trinity's stained-glass window from outside

impressionistic depiction of a dove descending to his right hand from heaven. In the mid to late 1990s the current stained-glass window was installed. The window you see today provides a deeper, visceral illustration of our mutual bonds and connection to Jesus, and it makes me very happy to be in its presence. I haven't discovered what company created it, but I do know they did well. Here are a couple of views from inside and outside the church.



Inside view of Trinity's stained-glass window

Stained glass windows of Jesus as the Good Shepherd are a frequent and meaningful theme found in many glass windows of churches and places of worship. Chapter 10 of the book of John talks about "The Good Shepherd and His Sheep".

This important piece of art within Trinity lead me on a journey of exploration of Trinity's history, Sam Rhodes's actions as founder and builder are a common thread throughout. From Trinity's early days at the former Jensen Beach Community Center, to the construction of a Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall at 140 Arch Street, to the construction of Trinity on Savannah Road.

In the early years of Trinity at the current address, the Sanctuary's stained-glass showed Jesus with an

Dale Forbes

PERSEVERANCE

AT-A-GLANCE

FIRST

First time the subject appears in the Bible:

Romans 5:3: Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces **perseverance**;

LAST

Last time the subject appears in the Bible:

Revelation 2:19: I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and **perseverance**, and that you are now doing more than you did at first.

THREE VERY IMPORTANT OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **2 Kings 18:6:** For he clung to the LORD; he did not depart from following Him, but kept His commandments, which the LORD had commanded Moses.
- **Job 23:11:** "My foot has held fast to His path; I have kept His way and not turned aside.
- **Job 27:6:** "I hold fast my righteousness and will not let it go. My heart does not reproach any of my days.

THREE VERY IMPORTANT NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **Romans 5:3-4:** Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.
- **2 Thessalonians 1:4:** Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.
- **James 1:4:** Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.



God's Important Messages about Perseverance:

Children who learn determination and perseverance will have an easier time throughout their schooling. Schooling is a great training ground for adult faith and the perseverance needed.

We all need perseverance, because God allows everyone to go through periods of testing, waiting, and not knowing. It is a big part of building faith. When children come into tough periods, they should decide whether these could, in fact, be tests of either faith or endurance, through which they need to persevere.



BIBLE STORIES SHOWING PERSERVERANCE:

- 2 Corinthians 4 describes the challenges that Paul faced in his ministry and how he persevered. Paul is an excellent example of perseverance because he was stoned, imprisoned for his faith, and persecuted in many other ways.
- Joshua 10 & 11 show the great perseverance of Joshua's army. After being stalled out in the desert for 40 years, Israel had to go out in battle and earn their future land. Joshua defeated 31 kings or kingdoms according to these chapters.
- Noah had to build the ark over a long period—when he had not seen rain. (Genesis 6-7)

Music Ministry



CHOIR PRACTICE!
BEGINS: SEPTEMBER 4TH
See you in the Choir Room!
THURSDAYS 7:00 - 8:15 PM
OPEN TO ALL MEN & WOMEN
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Meet and Greet



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MONDAY, AUGUST 4TH * 6:00 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL



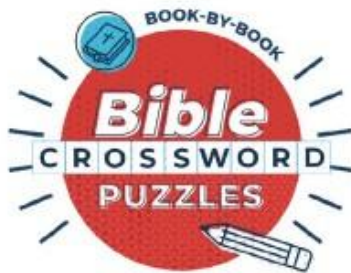
TRINITY RINGERS PRACTICE

Begins Tuesday, September 9th

5:30-6:45 PM

IN THE CHOIR ROOM

OPEN TO ALL MEN AND WOMEN
CONTACT: DR. M.J. MONTAGUE



AMOS



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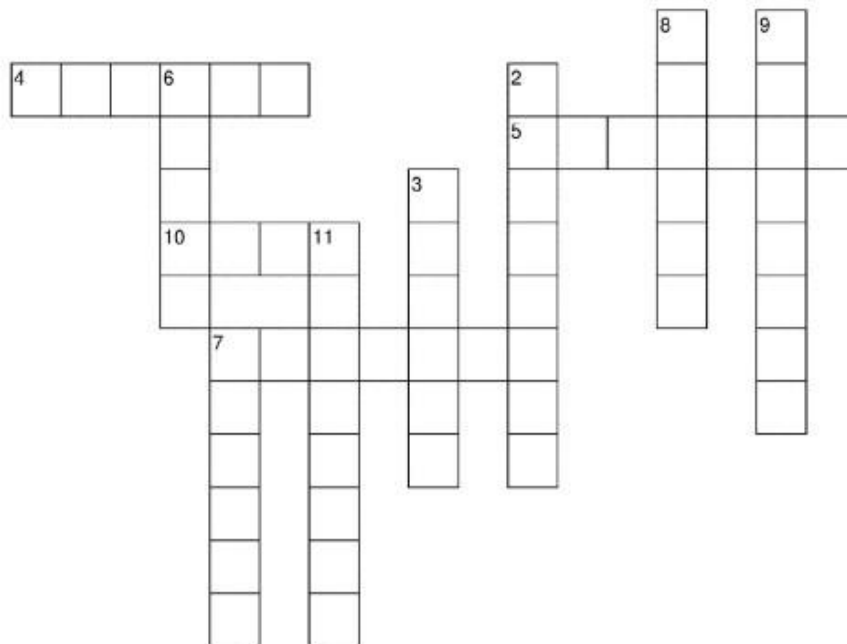
WRITTEN BY:
The Prophet Amos



TIME PERIOD COVERED:
722 BC to 516 BC

OVERVIEW

Amos was a shepherd. He lived with a group of shepherds in Tekoa, a small town 10 miles south of Jerusalem. Amos prophesied about 760 BC. He predicted the overthrow of the Kingdom of Israel by the Assyrians, which happened in 722 BC. He also predicted the doom of Judah, which happened in 585 BC, and the doom of many surrounding nations.



Across

4. Two do not walk together unless they have done this (3:3)
5. God promises that He will _____ the fallen walls of Jerusalem (9:11)
7. God feels this negative emotion about the people's phony festivals (5:21)
10. When trumpets sound, consider the _____ may be angry (3:6)



Down

2. God doesn't do anything without revealing His plan to these servants (3:7)
3. God described an impending period of silence from Him as this type of disaster (8:11)
6. This famous prophecy predicts the Assyrian invasion and people going into _____ (7:17)
7. Women who oppressed the poor demanded their husbands bring them _____ (4:1)
8. The shepherd's pastures will dry up, and the top of Carmel will _____ (1:2)
9. The Day of the Lord will be shrouded in the opposite of light, in _____ (5:18)
11. People who are going to die are saying that this will not overtake them (9:10)

August 2025 Happenings

Sundays

- Celebration Service (9:00 a.m.)
- Fellowship Hour (10:00 a.m.)
- Traditional Service (11:00 a.m.)
- Children's Sunday School (9:00 a.m.)
- Adult Bible Studies (9:30 a.m.)
- Prayer Time (10:30 a.m., Bob Engle Room)
- 1st Sunday: *House of Hope Donations*
- 2nd Sunday: *Communion*
- 3rd Sunday: Noisy Change
- 4th Sunday: New Member Sunday
- Lunch & Learn (10th, 12:30 p.m.)
- New Members Class (17th, 10:15 a.m.)
- Church Council (17th, 12:30 p.m.)
- Labor Day Picnic (31st, 12:30 p.m.)

Mondays

- Line Dancers (1:00–3:00 p.m.)
- TCCS Meet and Greet (4th, 6:00 p.m.)

Tuesdays

- Tai Chi (9:30 a.m.)
- Lunch Bunch (15th, 11:30 a.m.)

Wednesdays

- Hooks & Needles (6th, 20th, 10:00 a.m.)
- Treasure Coast Singers Practice (10:00 a.m.)
- Beginning Line Dancing (11:30 a.m.)
- Blessings in a Bag (12:30 p.m.)
- Line Dancing (1:30 p.m.)
- Discover Your Spirituality (4:30 p.m.)

Thursdays

- Praise Team Rehearsal (3rd, 6:00 p.m.)
- Line Dancers (1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.)

Fridays

Family Movie Night (15th, 7:00 p.m.)

Saturdays

- Men's Meeting (2nd, 8:00 a.m.)

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