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Pastor Tim Burke



Trinity-Kemper News

Pastor's Page

I recently finished a book, entitled *The Greatness of the Kingdom* by Alva McClain. Toward the end of this rather lengthy book McClain asked the question, "Is the world getting better or worse?". He doesn't ask the question as of himself, but is making an observation that it is a question frequently asked. McClain published his work in 1959. As we look back, we would consider 1959 as a much more simple time as compared to life today. This is the era that gave us such TV shows as: Father Knows Best, Leave It To Beaver, My Three Sons, and Ozzie and Harriet. This was the era of black-and-white TV if you were fortunate enough to own one. There was never a mention of world conflict, and every problem that existed in these homes was resolved by the end of the show.

Even though 1959 may seem to have been a more civil and peaceful era it was not without its problems. This was the period between Korea and Vietnam. Those of us who lived during the Vietnam era, will remember such things as the court-marshal of William Calley, and the Kent State shootings. For those of us who lived through this era, it seemed very chaotic. We may have very well been asking ourselves the same question, "Is the world getting better or worse?" Even though HG Wells referred to World War I as 'The War to end all Wars' it does not seem to have played out in his favor.

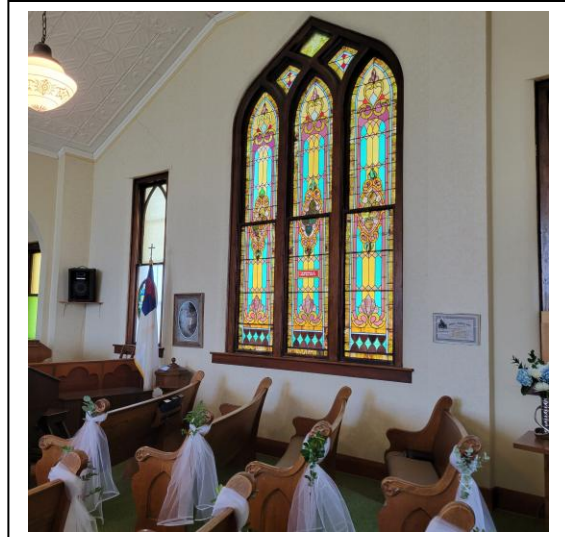
We may be familiar with the words of Jesus when he declared, "you will hear of wars and rumors of wars". But this statement which comes from Matthew 24:6 is incomplete. For Jesus goes on to say, "but see to it that you are not alarmed." How is it that you can 'not be alarmed' while at the same time hearing about 'wars and rumors of wars'? There is a theological position known as postmillennialism. This position is primarily based on the idea that the world will get better and better with time. They believe the world will continue to improve until the world turns into God's kingdom. This position was very popular in the 1800s but was given up by most with the advent of WW I and WW II.

There must be some overriding principal in the Christian's life that enables him to live a, "not alarmed" kind of life. Paul declares his position in Galatians 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me." Just as the laws of aerodynamics enables a large commercial aircraft to overcome the power of gravity, we also need something beneath our wings to carry us through turbulent times.

The prophet Isaiah states this principal quite clearly in chapter 40. "Yet those who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary." I am often reminded of an old hymn that I learned as a child, "The Lord knows the way through the wilderness. All I have to do is follow." Sometimes life is complicated simply because we make it so.

Pastor Tim





The wedding of Daisy and Gage Pew was held in the Bartley Church on September 6, 2025. Congratulations to the couple!



Ways you can help your church:

Funeral dinners
Work groups
Potluck
Cookies for youth group
Teachers
Nursery care
Morning Fellowship in Friendship Hall
Special Music
Readers for worship services
Bingo at Assisted Living
Greeters

Bartley:

Cleaning
Scripture readers
Serving Fellowship

***October is Pastor Appreciation Month*****A Prayer for Pastor Appreciation**

Dear God, we pray for our pastors to be encouraged. We ask that you minister to them and give them a deeper sense of hope. Send laborers into their lives to extend needed help, support, and friendship. We pray that they and their families would be protected and covered by the precious blood of Jesus. May our pastors be restored and refreshed during this time.

We pray, Lord, that our pastors would not be discouraged, or afraid, or grow weary. But instead that you would uplift their spirits, encourage them in their trials, and recharge them when they are feeling overwhelmed. We ask that you would help them put their hope in you and that you would in return renew their [strength](#). We thank you for our pastors, Lord, and all the work they do for your kingdom.

We pray for our pastors to have motivation and vision, that ministries would continue to launch and thrive, and that pastors would not lose one opportunity to serve and minister. We ask that you help our pastors have a greater reach and that our churches would be a beacon of light and hope throughout the world. We pray that pastors would have perseverance and come through this season with new insights and more inspiration. We pray that their [faith](#) would increase and that they would be drawn closer to you, Lord. We pray for our pastors to be on guard, to stand firm in the [faith](#), to be courageous, and to be strong. May you, oh God, satisfy their thirst for you and fill them up so that they are ready at all times to do the good work you have called them to.

We thank you for calling our pastors to their ministries. We thank you for equipping them with the [spiritual gifts](#), talents, and skills for such a time as this. We pray over our pastors, Lord, that you would help them to lead with courage and strength. Send the right deacons, elders, and volunteers to lead alongside them, that they would not carry the weight alone. Help them to be leaders marked by humility, compassion, and wisdom. Let their congregations support them, submit to their leadership, and grow in respect and [love](#) toward their pastors. You did not give our pastors a spirit of timidity, so we pray that you would inspire our pastors to walk in power, love, and self-discipline as they demonstrate courageous leadership. We thank you for them and pray for your blessings and protection on them. Amen.

Church Council

August 18, 2025

Present: Diane Deselms, Virginia Roberts, Betty Jorgensen, Pastor Tim, Steven Johnson, Eileen Johnson, Linda Johnson, Colleen Vandegrift, Dale Cramer

Prayer: Pastor Tim led the council in prayer.

Minutes: Copies of the minutes from the previous meeting were presented. Colleen made a motion to accept them as written. Dale seconded the motion, and it passed.

Financials: Our share of Vacation Bible School expenses is \$708.84. Betty will present a check to Grace Bible for that amount. Betty summarized the financial report which is attached. She has prepaid State Steel the amount of \$1,849.35 for the marquee. Betty also reported on bank CDs. Three CDs in the amount of \$60,000 each were purchased after the sale of the parsonage. She will check renewal dates and take appropriate action. Colleen made a motion to accept the financial report with a second by Linda. Motion carried.

Mission Giving: After discussion, it was decided to give as follows: \$500 Brian Malleck; \$500 L2 for school; \$500 to Eric Nelson for speaking in September; and \$500 for Todd Becker Foundation for October. Dale made the motion to approve the giving and a second was by Colleen. Motion passed.

Church Directory: Tabled to discuss with Amy.

Guest Speaker/Eric Nelson/9-21-2025: Pastor Tim related conversations he has had with Eric. Advertising was discussed – Facebook, Marquee, Ad in Valley Voice on Sept 10 & 17 (Steve will take care of this ad) as well as invitations to Grace Bible and Kemper Memorial in Bartley and a potluck meal.

Todd Becker Foundation/December: Pastor Tim related what he knows about this school promotion and assist from churches. Also, housing will be needed for two nights, and 50 counselors must be trained and available. Betty suggested Teammates.

Baptism at Harry Strunk Lake: Pastor Tim advised that this baptism event was the idea of members of his youth group. It will be held on Sunday, August 24 at Trail 4 at Medicine Creek Lake. Plans are for a potluck prior to the baptism. Baptism will be the topic for Sunday morning's sermon.

Wednesday Church Night: Discussion was held about school activities infringing with Church activities on Wednesday nights. Should we attend a school board meeting?

Adjourn: Next meeting: September 16 at 7 p.m.

You Went Above & Beyond

Trinity Church,

God bless you all. Your kindness and thoughtfulness... Words cannot express how thankful we are. Brian is doing good thanks to all the endless Prayers!

Brian & Carla Malleck

Sunday School for the littles will be starting on October 5 at 10 am. The class will be packing Operation Christmas Child boxes for delivery to kids in need. Bring one WOW gift for the box and the rest will be here. Looking forward to seeing the children!!

KJLT/KJTF will be holding it's annual Sharathon October 7-9. The theme this year is "Jesus! Power In His Name" Gary Hofer and Roger Olson will host the Sharathon. Special guest Keith Becker from the Todd Becker Foundation will be here for part of the Sharathon. We would love to have you come by our studios at B and Bailey for our open house and family reunion time! There will be lots of food and giveaways. The Sharathon goal is \$359,525. You can hear KJLT at 970 AM or 94.9 FM, and KJTF at 89.3 FM. Listeners are invited to make their faith promise by calling 532-1659 or 1-800-532-1659.

Sisters in Christ
September 10, 2025

Bartley Sisters in Christ members met at the church for their end-of-summer meeting. LaNora Palmateer gave devotions, using scripture from First Corinthians 15:58. Minutes of the last meeting on May 14, were read.

New business was discussed about the Backpack program donation. The director of the program at Southwest Elementary said Federal Funding was down this year. The number of families qualifying is 16. Elnora Burke made a motion to give \$100 to the program. Charlene Colson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

It was noted that a wedding took place in our church on September 6: Daisy and Gage Pew.

Members signed a card for Arlene Newcomb who is in the hospital.

October meeting is a social on the 8th at 2 pm.

Bartley Women,
Thank you so much for your generous donation to our backpack program. Your gift truly helps us extend care beyond the classroom and reminds our students that they are surrounded by a community that values and supports them.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Carrie Smith
School Counselor

"Therefore, do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

Matthew 6:24

Halloween Trunk or Treat at the Church

Our Outreach Committee has the plans in place for reaching out to the kids again this year on Halloween. They are planning on handing out treat bags at the Narthex doors. We are waiting on information from the Chamber as to the day and time.

For anyone that is interested in giving some goodies for the bags, please know that we will be making 150 bags, and we will be filling the bags on the 13 of October at Elizabeth Circle.

All gifts for the treat bags will be greatly appreciated!

SPOOKY HALLOWEEN WORD SEARCH

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- bats
- candy
- ghost
- magic
- costume
- goblins
- haunted
- October
- witches
- vampires
- halloween
- jackolantern



Samaritan's Purse

After sharing the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus said "Go and do likewise." That is the mission of Samaritan's Purse—to follow the example of Christ by helping those in need and proclaiming the hope of the Gospel.

A young girl and her family are encouraged through the outreach of Operation Christmas Child after a fire destroyed their neighborhood.

Notebooks and pencils were some of the items that immediately caught Fernanda's attention when she peered inside of her shoebox gift. She'd be going back to school in a few months and had no supplies to take with her—everything she owned had burned during a fire a few weeks earlier.

The inferno had attacked the community in southern Chile, turning nearly every home into ashes and rubble. In just a few hours, the house where 12-year-old Fernanda lived with her parents and younger brother was gone.

Fernanda's grief was still raw when she attended the [Operation Christmas Child](#) outreach event at a local church. She was in shock, trying to make sense of how quickly and significantly her life had changed.

The event offered the hurting young girl moments of joy during a season of sadness. Her shoebox gift was the first present she had received since losing all of her belongings in the fire.

"That day was a surprise, because people I didn't know were giving me a present," Fernanda said.

"They were giving me love."

Fernanda has always been a kind and giving child. She enjoys creating paper flowers for friends and family. She helps take care of her brother and makes her parents cards on Mother's Day and Father's Day.

After the fire, it was Fernanda who needed support because, like her entire community, her heart was broken. God used the Operation Christmas Child event—including the vibrant worship songs that Fernanda enjoyed so much—to bring comfort and encouragement when she needed it the most.



We have one month to prepare Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. There will be boxes available in the Narthex. We have several items given to use in filling the boxes and can always use anything else you have to spare. The lists of suggestions will be available as well. Each box is to have \$10 in it to cover the cost of shipping. Please pray for the children that will receive these gifts as they may just be learning about Jesus as they receive this gift!

The boxes must be returned in the second week of November. Thank you for participating in this project!



Select a medium to large "wow" item such as a soccer ball with pump or stuffed animal, then fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. Don't forget to also include a personal note and photo—sometimes these are the child's favorite things to receive!

A "Wow" Item

Water Bottles

Clothing and Accessories

Crafts and Activities

Chalk

A Personal Note

Marbles

Pencils

Band-aids

Cups

Hair accessories

Sewing kits

Toys

Jacks

Balls

Notebooks



October 2025

Harvest Time!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 5 pm Bible Study 7 pm Youth Group	2	3	4
5 9:45 Fellowship 10 am Sunday School Bartley Fellowship after service.	6	7	8 2 pm Bartley Sisters in Christ 5 pm Bible Study 7 pm Youth Group	9	10	11 Trinity Men 8 am
12 9:45 Fellowship 10 am Sunday School Bartley Fellowship after service. Potluck	13 Elizabeth Circle at 12 pm	14	15 5 pm Bible Study 7 pm Youth Group 7:30 Lois Circle	16	17	18
19 9:45 Fellowship Bartley Fellowship after service.	20 Outreach @ALF at 9:30 am	21	22 5pm Bible Study 7 pm Youth Group	23	24	25
26 9:45 Fellowship Bartley Fellowship after service.	27	28	29 5 pm Bible Study 7 pm Youth Group	30 Bingo at 2:30 pm	31 Happy Halloween!	



Are you looking for a group to attend and enjoy fellowship?

Bartley has a group called Sisters in Christ that meet on the second Wednesday of the month. The ladies enjoy fellowship together with a lesson from the Bible.

Cambridge hosts Lois Circle on the third Thursday of the month at the Assisted Living Facility. Many times, Lois Circle has spent time watching the popular Chosen movie.

Elizabeth Circle meets on the second Monday of the month at the Church. The circle shares lunch time together and has devotions. Usually, this group is busy making prayer blankets.

Trinity Men meet on the first Saturday of the month for breakfast. The group plan some of our big projects.

Any of these groups would be glad to have new people come and enjoy some time sharing with you. Please call the office if you need any other information about times or places!

***Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you
the desires of your heart.
Psalms 37:4***

Invite a friend to join us

Worship Services

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Pastor Tim's e-mail:
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9:30 Fellowship
10:00 Children Sunday School
11:00 Worship

Kemper Memorial Church

9:45 am Worship
Followed by Fellowship



October

3	Deb Burke	17	Don Ellicott
4	Angela Salberg	18	Dusty Runner
5	Tyler Borland	19	Cheryl Stewart
7	Carolyn Borland	23	Wanda Warwick
	Cindy Borland		Abbie Benson
10	Judy Phillips	24	Nate Mollring
15	Larry Blackman	25	Del Harsh
16	Megan Mowry	26	Tyson Sines
		29	Victoria Salberg
		30	Karen Bentley
		31	Haleigh Westadt - Smith

Happy Anniversary

October 1
Tyson & Amy Sines
October 3
Michael & Monica Flammang
October 6
Andy & Pam Downer
October 7
Derek & Jennifer Raburn
October 22
Calvin & Desiree Wineland