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Pastor Tim Burke



Trinity-Kemper News

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One of the central doctrines of the Christian faith is the imminent return of Jesus Christ. If you remove this central theme of Christianity, the whole system collapses in on itself. It would make no sense to follow a savior who abandons those he came to rescue. The word 'imminent' means that Jesus could return at any moment. This has been held by the church throughout its history. There are no prophetic signals that must be fulfilled before Christ's return. It could be any day. Matthew 24:44 says, "For this reason you must also be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you least expect it."

But we generally do not like things we can't anticipate. The disciples felt the same way. Again, in Matthew 24, we find the disciples asking Jesus for some clues. They said, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming, and of the end of the age?" I am sure that Jesus's response was less than satisfying to the disciples. But it's important that we examine what Jesus did say. He said, "See to it that no one mislead you." He then goes on to explain that there will always be those that make signs out of things that are not signs.

Someone might argue that if there are no signs how can we possibly be ready? But that's the wrong question. The point is that if you have to get ready, it means you're not ready. And as noted above, if Christ returns at a time when you least expect it there will be no time for last minute preparations. This was the main point that Jesus was teaching in the parable of the ten virgins. Five were ready, five were not. Five entered in, and five were shut out.

But just because we cannot know the day or the hour, it does not mean that we cannot know the season. If we look at Matthew 24 in its entirety, we will discover that Jesus did not give much information about His second coming, but he did give the disciples some indicators of the end of the age. One example comes in verse 12. He says at the end of the age (or the end of human history) lawlessness will increase. And as a result of increased lawlessness, most people's love will grow cold. In essence people will become indifferent to the basic needs of others. We might simply say that people just won't care. They will feel helpless and hopeless. Much of this is evidenced in our world today.

It has been said that if you want to understand God's timeline, look to Israel. God has made an everlasting covenant with Israel. Romans 11 says that the gifts and callings of God are irrevocable. Much of the church today has embraced a theological fallacy known as 'replacement theology'. This view holds that God has rejected Israel permanently because they crucified the Lord. But if God has rejected Israel permanently, how are we able to trust the other promises He has made? No, God is still fulfilling His promises; not only for Israel, but also for us. So, take note. What God loves, the world will hate. The presence of antisemitism in the world today can only be understood from a biblical point of view, otherwise, it's simply irrational. When over half of the UN assembly walks out when the Prime Minister of Israel gets up to speak (as they did this past Thursday) it's not just a political statement, it's a sign of the times. Luke 21:28 says, "But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Pastor Tim





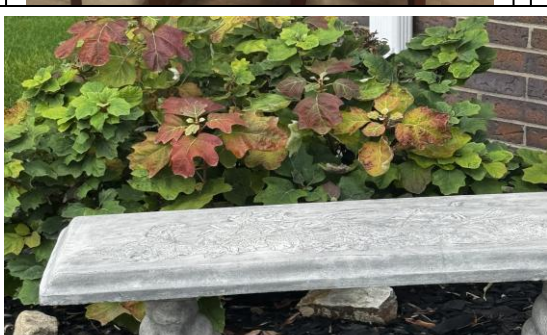
LeAnn Harris came to visit on a recent Sunday here at Trinity Community Church. She is headed back to her post as a missionary in Kenya. LeAnn presented a program about the work she is involved with in Africa and how they are helping the local people learn to support themselves.

LeAnn works with a group called Trailblazers Collective. To listen to her program, you can watch the YouTube service of this Church on September 13, 2026. [Youtube.com/@TCCCambridge](https://www.youtube.com/@TCCCambridge)

To help her financially, donate to www.WorldOutreach.org/1042. Click on donate and search for Harris, LeAnn and click on the picture. All funds help support LeAnn and the program she supports.



Outreach at the Assisted Living Facility sharing old times and just having fun! Devotions and goodies are enjoyed by all!



In our Prayer Garden, a bench has been donated in honor of Donna Flammang Jensen

God gave me
one more day.
The question is,
what will I do with it?
How will I serve.
Who will I bless.
What will I bring
to the table.

The older I get,
the more I realize
that God doesn't
have me here just
to take up space.
What cruelty
that would be.

He is planting me a garden
that I can either choose to
water or walk away from.
His mercy is new every morning -
His love is that big.

And I never want
to recover from
how good it is to
know Him.

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October is Pastor Appreciation Month, but why October, and why appreciate your pastor? Well, to start with, the concept of appreciating your pastor is biblical, and God directed the New Testament church to do so.

In 1 Timothy, Paul wrote, “Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching” (1 Tim. 5:17, ESV). He also wrote, “We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work” (1 Thess. 5:12–13, ESV). For centuries, pastors have been honored and recognized for their service to the Lord and His church at various times of the year.

In 1992, James Dobson and Focus on the Family initiated a push to promote the second Sunday in October as National Clergy Appreciation Month. In 1994, a transition was made to make October Pastor Appreciation Month. Taking time to recognize the work of your pastor is essential. It is a sign of a healthy church and communicates to your pastor that you are thankful for his shepherding the flock of God.

God tells us in Jeremiah 3:15, “And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.” Pastors have the privilege and responsibility to preach and teach the Word of God to the church and are a gift from God for the local church.

Pastors are not perfect, but God has called them to shepherd His people as they live life together. A pastor’s role is uniquely stressful. The pastor’s job is not 9-5 business hours. Weeks can be long, filled with the burden of carrying the emotional, mental, and spiritual weight of the church.

A pastor who shepherds the flock lives his life connected to the people. I can remember one hospital visit I made, where I went from the joy of a baby being born and the celebratory spirit of that family, straight to the tragedy of a person being killed in a car accident and the intense grief of another family. That day, I experienced the extreme highs and lows of human emotion, and it was one of many heavy days in the life of the pastorate.

While there are many ways that you can show your pastor you love him, I want to give you a few ideas on how to express your appreciation for all he does.

1. Personally tell him how much he means to you.

I think it is often assumed that everyone is telling the pastor how much he is appreciated — and yet for many pastors, it has been weeks, if not months, without a single word of thanks. You’ll never know how much a text, email, card, note, or face-to-face encouragement means to your pastor. Take the time to tell him you love him personally.

2. Celebrate your pastor’s milestones.

Celebrate his church anniversaries. These celebrations will remind your church of his faithfulness and, for many, the longevity of his ministry.

3. Remember your pastor’s wife and children.

Behind every great pastor is a supportive family, and yet they are often forgotten or, at best, taken for granted.

4. Encourage rest and self-care.

Pastors are prone to burnout due to the demands of their role. The work of a pastor is never done.

Encourage him to take time for himself and his family. Everyone deserves **a day off each week**. Some are fortunate enough to get two days called “the weekend.” You may even consider giving him an extra week of vacation or providing a retreat for him like the “Restore” pastor and wives conference that is hosted by the South Carolina Baptist Convention.

5. Give him a book each month for a year.

I don’t know a pastor who doesn’t love building his library. It is a gift that keeps on giving.

6. Provide a meal for his family.

I can’t tell you the number of times a church member brought us food, provided a gift card, or just paid for our meal when they saw us in a restaurant.

7. Commit to pray for him daily and do it!

Prayer may be last on the list, but it must be your priority. You can never pray too much for your pastor and his family. The enemy wants to destroy your leader, and your prayers are fighting a spiritual war as you intercede for your shepherd.

Your pastor deserves honor, and God is very clear about honoring our leaders. When you take the time to appreciate your pastor, you are acknowledging him for his service. You are saying “thank you” for all he does to shepherd you and lead you closer to Jesus. Your “thank you” is another way of saying “I love you.”

— Brian Saxon

Words from the Congregation

Pastor Tim—

Caring, Kind, Passionate, Calming, Comforting, Understanding, Encouraging, Supportive, Helpful, Reassuring, Mellow, Mild, Considerate, Down-to-earth, Wonderful, Simply the best, Solid. Our Pastor!



Church Council

August 18, 2026

Present: Virginia Roberts, Pastor Tim, Linda Johnson, Dale Cramer, Betty Jorgensen, Amy Sines, Tyson Sines, Colleen Vandegrift, Steve Johnson, Eileen Johnson, Diane Deselms, Wanda Warwick

Prayer: Pastor Tim led the council in prayer.

Minutes: Amy would like the minutes to be amended to show that she voted no on the gift to Betty. Colleen made the motion to accept the minutes with the amendment with a second from Dales. The motion passed.

Financials: Mandy Anderson sent the financials and her billing to the church. It was presented to the council with notes read that came from Mandy. The balance sheet was studied and council opted to leave the bills as automatic pay. Downpayment was sent to Total Turf, bills were paid to Vinyl lettering and Burke Construction for the marquee product to be delivered. Interest income of \$5794.27 was cashed in from a CD at First Central and the original amount was reinvested. All other expenses are usual and ordinary. Virginia noted that the church is waiting on the grant money from the city for the marquee. Amy made a motion with a second from Tyson to accept the financials and the motion carried.

Check Signing: Discussion was held on having Mandy sign all checks without bringing them to council. Most of the money is voted on before an invoice arrives and it was felt that Mandy can have the responsibility of taking care of all the checks. All bills come through the church or are automatic pay, and Wanda sees all of them before Mandy receives them. Colleen made a motion to update the agreement so that Mandy can pay all bills and expenses as they arrive and sign all checks without bringing them to council. Betty seconded the motion and it passed.

CDs: One of the CDs has been cashed and interest money placed into the General Fund.

Going forward the council would like to raise the balance of the Star Premiere Money Market account to \$30,000 in case of emergency such as an air conditioner. It currently has over \$12,000 and the money coming from the city for the grant will be added to the account. Diane will watch for the next CD to come due and withdraw the interest earnings to the Money Market account to bring the balance closer to what the council is hoping to have available for use.

Mission Giving: Ideas were L2, Backpack program, CASA, and TeamMates. A motion was made by Dale and seconded by Colleen to approve a \$500 donation to TeamMates. During discussion, Amy stated that the cost of background checks is high and that the program would benefit by being able to accomplish the backgrounds. The motion passed.

Speakers: It was noted that the overflow speakers in Fellowship Hall and the Cry room are not working very well and that the people in the back for large funerals are not able to hear the Pastor. Wanda will call Yandas to have them assess the problem.

Lighting: Tyson brought up the lighting in Fellowship Hall and wondered about getting a little added. It will be tabled while the speakers are addressed.

Adjourn: Next meeting September 15, 2026

Thank you to Bartley and Cambridge Church ladies for my Prayer Blanket. It is beautiful!
Thank you so much!
Sylvia Meader

Thank you to the church family for your prayers prior to and after my surgery. I am doing well.

Sherry Witler

Dear Pastor Tim and Congregation,

Thank you so very much for the prayers and the beautiful prayer blanket. This was such a blessing to receive such a gift with meaning. Our family and myself are so very grateful for the continuous prayers as we move forward to healing.

Thank you
And
God Bless you!
Sincerely,
Christina Cappel and family



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

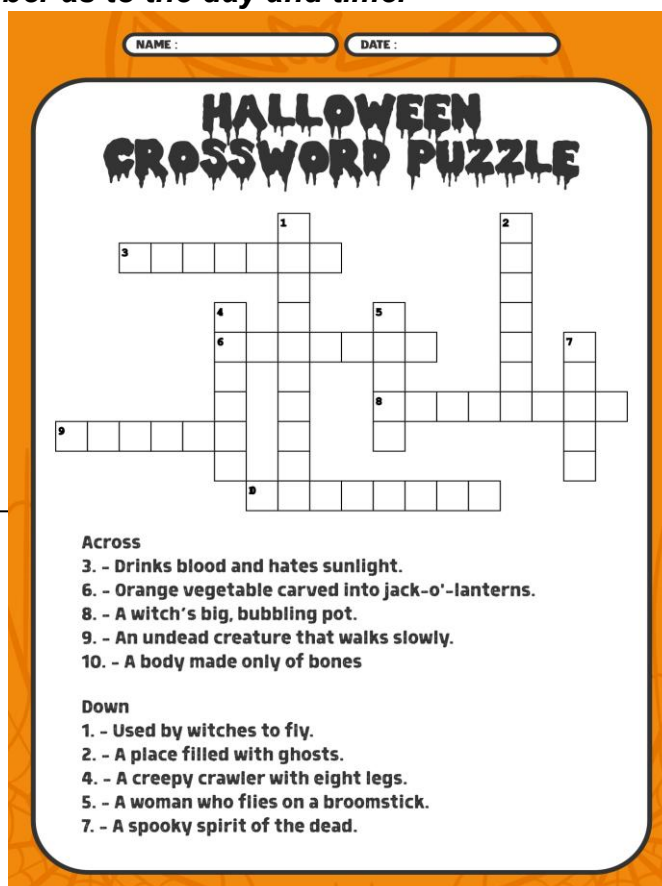
Matthew 6:24

Halloween Trunk or Treat at the Church

Our Outreach Committee has 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 14 of October at Elizabeth Circle.

All gifts for the treat bags will be greatly appreciated!



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.

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The Yo-yo

I remember walking every day to school when I was young. Most of the time I went without any lunch because my parents couldn't afford to feed all of us a lunch. I was one of seven children, and we lived in a very poor area of West Africa. It was hard to even earn enough money for food, and nobody had money for gifts at Christmas. My parents did not buy things like toys or even many books to read.

When I received my first gift, it was in an Operation Christmas Child shoebox, and it was a real blessing for me. We also listened to a presentation of the Gospel, and I received a copy of the Greatest Gift booklet. Though I had already accepted Christ a couple years earlier and grown up in church, I was excited to read that book over and over to learn more about Him.

I couldn't wait to see what was inside my shoebox, but I also looked forward to what God was going to do in my life.

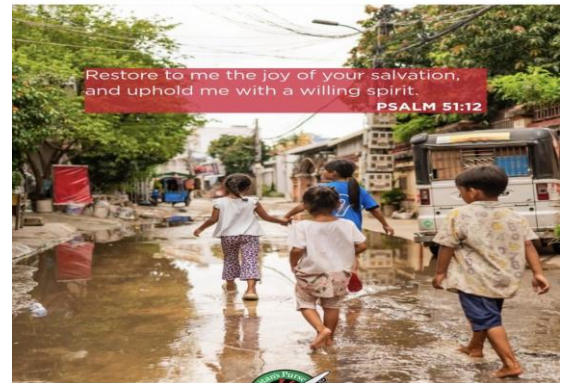
When I received my first gift, it was in an Operation Christmas Child shoebox, and it was a real blessing for me. We did not open our boxes at the event. We wanted to share the experience with our family. When I got home I opened the box up and saw all those wonderful gifts. There were toys and books, and what I especially enjoyed was my yo-yo. It was a special yo-yo, because at night it would just light up my dark neighborhood.

I wasn't just excited about having new toys and new things, though. I was also excited because I was surprised to receive a gift from people I didn't know and might never meet. Honestly, I had never received a gift in my life, and I never expected it. So, when Operation Christmas Child told me that people from the other side of the world cared about me, it helped me to experience even more thankfulness for God's faithfulness toward me. Who would ever think that God would use a simple light-up yo-yo in a shoebox to remind me of His love? I think back to that Saturday morning and to all the ways God has continued to be faithful to me since then. God has even used me to share His love with others in my country.

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 but the church can always use anything else you have to spare. The list of suggestions will be available. Each box is to have \$10 in it to cover the cost of shipping. Please pray for the children that receive these gifts as they may just be learning about Jesus as they receive this gift! The boxes must be returned to the church in the second week of November. Thank you for participating in this project!



There is JOY in salvation! Through the Greatest Journey (TGJ) a 12-week discipleship course designed for Operation Christmas Child shoebox recipients!





October 2026

Harvest Time!



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



Trinity Community Church has been approached by Grace Bible Church to consider a possible "Cooperative" use of our church facility.

This would NOT be a merger of the two churches.

Grace Bible has served with Trinity Community in various services and activities in our three plus year history.

During our most recent Administrative Council meeting this request was discussed and now the council wants and needs input from our congregation.

We encourage questions and concerns be brought to our next council meeting, October 20, 2026, at 7 pm or to any council member before that time.

All council meetings are open to the congregation, and council would appreciate all input.

This possibility is in a preliminary stage and extensive planning, and prayer is necessary before a decision can be made.

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Diane Deselms was not at the meeting for the discussion.

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*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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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
4 Angela Salberg
5 Tyler Borland
7 Cindy Borland
10 Judy Phillips
15 Larry Blackman
16 Megan Mowry

17 Don Ellicott
18 Dusty Runner
19 Cheryl Stewart
23 Wanda Warwick
Abbie Benson
24 Nate Mollring
25 Del Harsh
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