

Growing as Disciples of Jesus Christ through worship, learning, fellowship and outreach

NEW THINGS FOR THE NEW YEAR

The New Year is here, and if you're anything like me, you are hoping for things to feel a bit more "normal," whatever that may mean now! We have some exciting new plans for 2022, and three of them kick off this month!

Meet our New Assistant. Fr. Spencer Stubblefield arrives from Brownwood, Texas, in early January and will begin in the office on the 10th. He was raised in the Diocese of Fort Worth and has been serving there as a priest for the past two years. He will be assisting me in general priestly duties and will have a special focus on Youth and Family ministries. He brings wonderful experience working with youth in the diocesan camping programs of Fort Worth and we are excited to see him work with our youth. He and I will both work with the youth as he gets settled in. He will also be working with the newly forming Diocesan Youth Team to bring camping back to the Diocese as we partner with Hume Lake for summer programs for Elementary, Middle School, and High School.



GriefShare. Losing someone we love hurts, and often the journey of healing can be lonely and confusing. But we don't have to go through it alone. GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. This is not only a wonderful ministry for our members, but a good opportunity to reach out to those in pain who also need to come to know Jesus. If you know someone who is hurting, prayerfully consider inviting them! MaryJo Sawyer will lead this caring program, which will meet in the Library on Sundays after the 10am service starting January 9th. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone.

Annual Congregational Meeting. You might be wondering what could be exciting about the Annual Meeting, but we really do have some exciting plans! Circumstances permitting, we will gather after the 10am service on Sunday, January 23rd, for the required work of electing new Board Members and Diocesan Convention Delegates, the presentation of finances, and receiving written reports. Then we will switch gears into a session of vision casting and mission discernment for 2022. It should be an energizing time!

The Mission of Jesus: Lessons from the Gospel of Luke. Our next Sermon-based Small Group series is set to kick off on January 23rd with five lessons from the Gospel of Luke which explore his presentation of Jesus' mission. Using lessons from the lectionary, we will gain insight into the purpose of Jesus' mission as well as how He trained His disciples to join in His work. We, like them, are called to join in the Kingdom work of our Lord! If you are in a small group, look for it to get started. If you would like to join one, it is a great way to grow in both knowledge and fellowship.

You can find more information on all of these New Things for the New Year in this month's Messenger. It will be exciting to see what our Lord has in store for us!

Yours in Christ,





TRINITY PRESCHOOL

Trinity Preschool is ready to start a new year. Though we still cannot plan any future events due to the Covid pandemic, we will continue creating a fun classroom atmosphere, and always share the love of Jesus with all our preschoolers. Trinity preschool will continue to follow all CDC and State Licensing for childcare regulations and mandates.

In December, we filled the walls of the classrooms and the lobby with lots of Christmas decorations. It's a joy to see how proud our students are with their projects and work. The parents absolutely love everything our students take home. Our wonderful teachers are so creative in all they do!

Christmas Spirit week was fun! Christmas sweaters, crazy holiday socks, Green and Red Day, holiday hats and our favorite - Pajama Day! Book exchanges from the students and we decorated Christmas cookies with lots of yummy frosting. This is always a delicious activity for our students to enjoy!



Our preschool parents joined the church members in giving to FLOOD Ministries/Youth Ministry Hygiene Product Collection. I absolutely love when the church and the preschool work together to give back to all the families in need. Thank you to our amazing preschool families and to our youth group in organizing this!

Trinity Preschool is always looking to add new staff members to our already amazing group of teachers. If you, or if you know of anyone that has all preschool qualifications with their Early childhood classes, please have them contact me at the preschool at 661-282-5252.

I pray everyone has a wonderful, safe, and healthy new year. I am blessed by all your continued prayers, support, and love.



Love, Jennifer Coburn,

Preschool Director

Meet Our New Assistant

Arriving
January 10th



FR. SPENCER STUBBLEFIELD

Fr. Spencer Stubblefield grew up just outside of Fort Worth, Texas in a town called Weatherford. After graduating in 2012 Fr. Stubblefield attended Oklahoma State University. There, he got a Bachelor of Science in Political Science. Having had a sense of calling since the summer before his freshman year of high school, he went to Nashotah House Theological Seminary in Wisconsin immediately after college. Fr. Stubblefield graduated seminary in 2019 and headed back to Texas. He was ordained a priest in August 2019 and has spent his curacy at St. John's Anglican in Brownwood, Texas.

Fr. Stubblefield and his dog, Archer (Corgi/Blue Heeler mix), are looking forward to joining our Trinity family in January!



SUNDAY JANUARY 23, 2022

RIGHT AFTER THE 10 AM SERVICE



LADIES BROWN BAG LUNCH SOCIAL

Our Brown Bag Lunch is back! Please come on Tuesday, January 25th at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall. All ladies are invited to bring a lunch and drink. There will be tons of talking and a bunch of laughter! Guests are welcome!

In The Parish Family

Thank you to...

all those who donated items for the Hygiene Kits for FLOOD.

also, thank you all for the many gifts for Jason's Christmas Tree.

and a special *thank you* for our Altar Guild, Choir, Acolytes, Lectors, AV Team, Nursery crew, and Ushers. Everything was so beautiful for our Christmas services.

THE MISSION OF JESUS

LESSONS FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

A SERMON-BASED SMALL GROUP STUDY
Series Begins the Week of January 23

ARE YOU IN A SMALL GROUP?



We believe that followers of Jesus grow best in fellowship and community with other disciples where we can help one another grow and can discern how God is working in one another's lives (Eph. 4:16). That's why Small Groups are at the heart of how we grow here at Trinity! Each year we engage in three sermon-based small group series (Epiphany/Winter, Easter/Spring, and Late Pentecost/Fall). The five-week Epiphany/Winter series will kick off the week of Sunday, January

23 and run through the week of Sunday, February 20. The series will explore *The Mission of Jesus: Lessons from the Gospel of Luke*.

What kind of time commitment do I make to a group?

We are mindful that we live in a busy culture and that certain times of year, like the holiday season, are particularly busy. Small groups meet for three series each year, varying in length from five to eight weeks, depending on the calendar.

What if I join a group that doesn't "fit" with me?

Because we are convinced that we grow best in fellowship with one another, it is important to find the right group for you. We ask people to commit to their group for the length of the series. At the end of the series, people are free to continue with that group, try another group, or take a break until a later series.

How do I join a group?

That's the easiest part! You can fill out the small group registration form on our website (<https://trinitybakersfield.com/sermons-small-groups/join-a-small-group>), call the church office (665-7713), or get in touch directly with our small group coordinator, Debbie Gibson (emsbubby@icloud.com).

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Nancy Haddad
Rick Haggard
King Lee

Jenny Mason

Owen Oyeka
Bobbi White

Kimberly Roberson

JoEllen Holt

Jan Schieber
Jan Smith

Pete Smith

Katie Bomar
Teri Bomar
Mary Grace Nelson
Paul Wagner

Emily Miller

Larry Bright

Matheson Lewis
Tracey Ray

Malachi Clark

Lynne Hall

Harlene Haskett

Julia Goodrich

END OF YEAR GIVING

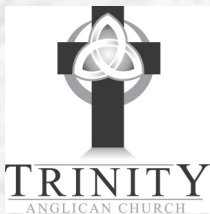
Tax deductible donations must be received at the Church Office no later than **December 30th** in order to be deposited and counted for the 2021 tax year. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

TRINITY STATS

Financial

<u>November 2021</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Operating Income	\$41,566	\$447,155
Operating Expense	\$47,959	\$469,825
Building Debt Payment	\$12,719	\$139,909

Ages to Ages II (collected in October): \$28,600



Our Vision is to be followers of Jesus in the Anglican tradition, connected through discipleship groups, with every member engaged in traditional Worship, in-depth Bible Study, Parish Ministry, and local and global Mission Outreach.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday Morning

8 a.m. Holy Communion
10 a.m. Holy Communion
Livestream at 10 a.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ed Taylor	<i>Treasurer</i>
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