

## From the Pastor



So I guess we've all heard the story about the little boy in Sunday school responding to the teacher's question, "What's small, brown and furry with a big bushy tail?" His reply was, "I know the answer is Jesus but it sure sounds like a squirrel to me!"

I'm glad we teach our children that Jesus is always the Answer, and I agree wholeheartedly. But something that has always puzzled me is just how to deal with those who are battling mental illnesses. This week we had a day known as National Mental Health Day. The time has truly come for us to become more educated in this arena because more and more people are dealing with it.

The worst thing that can happen is that people battling this open themselves up to the demonic, add drugs and that's a Molotov cocktail waiting to happen. The best advice I have received concerning how to deal with all of this is of course, to start and finish with prayer. But also to help those struggling to get under the care of a professional in the field who can diagnose the disease and begin a proper treatment program.

I met some young people last week who have combined prayer with the proper medication after the appropriate diagnosis, and they are thriving. Both of them were floundering tremendously when they tried to either self-medicate or refused treatment.

King Saul definitely had some mental health issues. He was also battling the demonic. Let's look into the Scriptures today to see the answer that Jesus provides.

Blessings,

Randy & Pam

### NEW TO OUR CHURCH?

Welcome to Trinity Life Center! We are so glad you joined us today. Here are some things you can do to be connected:

- Fill out our **Welcome Card** inside the Guest Packet handed to you by our Ushers and exchange it for a gift from us at the Information Desk in the Lobby.
- Visit our **website** at [www.trinity-life.org](http://www.trinity-life.org) to get connected directly with a specific area of ministry.

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

9AM - **Connect Point for all ages** (see campus map for class locations)  
*Insights Prayer* Sanctuary  
 10AM - **Worship Service** Sanctuary  
*Kids Zone* Rm# C106, 107

### CONNECTION WEDNESDAYS

7PM - **Worship Service** Sanctuary  
*Royal Rangers* Rm# 201, 202, 204  
*Girls Ministries* Rm# 203  
*IgNITE for Teens* Rm# C111

### THURSDAY MORNING

10am - **Mountain Movers** Sanctuary

**Randy & Pam Greer** .....LEAD PASTOR

**Vic & Sara Caruso** .....SENIOR ASSOCIATE PASTOR

**Jimmy & Jamie Firzlaff** .....EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE PASTOR

**Mike & Marjorie Husli** .....ASSOCIATE PASTOR / CHILDREN

**Dave & Sandi Grecco** ..... WORSHIP LEADER

**Daniel & Jinay Kline** ..... YOUTH PASTOR

**Barbara Potop** ..... ASSOCIATE PASTOR/PRAYER MINISTRY & MT MOVERS

**Oretta Andrews**..... YOUNG ADULTS PASTOR

**Larry Wayne Morbitt** ..... CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Kleg Seth**..... ASSOCIATE PASTOR / SAM'S & HOSPITAL VISITATION



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**Pastor Randy Greer**

**“Persistent Pursuit”**

**1 Samuel 16:14-23**

**1 Samuel 18:10-16**



## EVENTS

### **SUNDAY MORNING INSIGHTS 9am**

Please join with Pastors Randy, Vic and Dave as Vic prays through the Scriptures. Join us for this series and all the blessings that come from learning how to pray God's Word. We also have different classes through Connect Point. Pick up a Connect Point Class Catalog at the info desk and choose the class best suited for you.

### **DISCIPLESHIP CLASS HAS BEGUN...**

but there's still time to join the class. It meets at 6:30pm on Wednesday evenings in the upstairs Conference Room. This systematic study provides a fundamental intro to the Bible. Please see the sign-up list in the lobby after service or talk to Billy Thomas, the class moderator.

### **WOMEN'S AND MEN'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES...**

on Wednesday at 7pm are back in full swing. Just a reminder; the Ladies are studying, "Defiant Joy," based on the book by Candace Payne and the guys are working through "Breakthrough," Chip Ingram's book. Attending a mid-week Bible Study is a good habit to include in your weekly schedule. It fosters a deeper understanding of the Word and promotes our unity in the Faith. See you next Wednesday!

### **WEEKLY MOUNTAIN MOVERS...**

Every Thursday at 10am in the Sanctuary. We begin our service with worship & prayer, share testimonies, hear a powerful message, share communion and fellowship with delicious food. Mountain Movers focuses on strengthening our faith through prayer as we declare His promises over our lives, our church and our City. Please join us and be part of the prayer movement that is happening at Trinity.

### **HALLOWEEN FALLS ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT**

and we have decided to cancel our usual activities that evening so that families may participate together at home as they see appropriate.

**DETAILS OF EVENTS AND REGISTRATION SHEETS ARE LOCATED IN THE MAIN LOBBY**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

Join with us every Thursday from 7am-7pm at our vigil location next to First Choice Pregnancy Services, as we pray to reclaim the land now used for late term abortions just one block from our church at 872 E. Sahara, just behind *Tower of Jewels*. (*This is a continuing demonstration of our determination to oppose and eventually abolish the practice of abortion in our society.*)

### **OUR CHILDREN'S AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM...**

is looking for volunteers, every Tuesday-Thursday from 4pm-6pm. It is directed at elementary school aged children and features game time, a meal, homework tutoring, and a weekly chapel. Any day and amount of time you may have available would be great. See Pastor Mike for further info.

### **A GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP...**

is being formed. The loss of a loved one affects us all in a variety of ways and extended periods of time and often causes us to put our lives on hold. Pastor Randy asks that you let him know if you may be interested in joining such a group or at the very least let him know of your interest in talking one on one. Brenda Tunnell will be the group moderator.

### **THE "WISHING YOU WERE HERE" CARD FILE...**

is on the Info Desk filled with stamped greeting cards addressed to people who have been unable to attend services. May we urge you to take a card and write a personal note of support and also let us know when others may need similar encouragement? Thank you!

### **HOUSEKEEPING...**

We want to remind you to please write your full name on your tithing envelopes. In order for us to give you giving credit when tax season comes around, we need your full name on each tithing envelope. Remember, God created only one you, but someone else can share your name.

## SERMON NOTES

### **1 Samuel 16:14-23 (NLT)**

#### **David Serves in Saul's Court**

<sup>14</sup>Now the Spirit of the LORD had left Saul, and the LORD sent a tormenting spirit that filled him with depression and fear.

<sup>15</sup>Some of Saul's servants said to him, "A tormenting spirit from God is troubling you. <sup>16</sup>Let us find a good musician to play the harp whenever the tormenting spirit troubles you. He will play soothing music, and you will soon be well again."

<sup>17</sup>"All right," Saul said. "Find me someone who plays well, and bring him here."

<sup>18</sup>One of the servants said to Saul, "One of Jesse's sons from Bethlehem is a talented harp player. Not only that—he is a brave warrior, a man of war, and has good judgment. He is also a fine-looking young man, and the LORD is with him."

<sup>19</sup>So Saul sent messengers to Jesse to say, "Send me your son David, the shepherd." <sup>20</sup>Jesse responded by sending David to Saul, along with a young goat, a donkey loaded with bread, and a wineskin full of wine.

<sup>21</sup>So David went to Saul and began serving him. Saul loved David very much, and David became his armor bearer.

<sup>2</sup>Then Saul sent word to Jesse asking, "Please let David remain in my service, for I am very pleased with him."

<sup>23</sup>And whenever the tormenting spirit from God troubled Saul, David would play the harp. Then Saul would feel better, and the tormenting spirit would go away.

### **1 Samuel 18:10-16 (NLT)**

<sup>10</sup>The very next day a tormenting spirit from God overwhelmed Saul, and he began to rave in his house like a madman. David was playing the harp, as he did each day. But Saul had a spear in his hand, <sup>11</sup>and he suddenly hurled it at David, intending to pin him to the wall. But David escaped him twice.

<sup>12</sup>Saul was then afraid of David, for the LORD was with David and had turned away from Saul. <sup>13</sup>Finally, Saul sent him away and appointed him commander over 1,000 men, and David faithfully led his troops into battle.

<sup>14</sup>David continued to succeed in everything he did, for the LORD was with him. <sup>15</sup>When Saul recognized this, he became even more afraid of him. <sup>16</sup>But all Israel and Judah loved David because he was so successful at leading his troops into battle.