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A Word from Pastor Elsbury

Be Encouraged, Jesus Is with You!

# WORSHIP SERVICES

**Sunday @ 10:15 a.m.**

**In Church**

**and**

**Via Zoom**

**Meeting ID: 875 5390 4135**

**Passcode: MD848e**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

***October 9, 2022***

*Colorfest*

*No Worship Service*

***October 16***

***9:30 a.m.***

*Coffee Fellowship*

***November 6***

*Veterans Day Service*

*I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth, you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart because I have overcome the world. John 16:33, NLT*

This context warns us to expect testing and tension as we live our Christian life in this unbelieving world simply because this world and Satan is “out of sync” with Jesus Christ and his Word. Satan and his cohorts are working constantly against us to discourage us and to infiltrate us with doubts and fears that results in our failure to live in victory and please God. Believers should not be upset or discouraged because this is Satan’s work-ethic to discourage and defeat us. In contrast, this should stimulate us to be more determined to stand straight and tall, call Satan’s bluff, and defeat him “in Jesus’ name.”

Jesus in this text reassures us that He is with us and living inside of us. If we can grasp this fact, then, it will empower us to ignore and defeat Satan so that we might gain the victory through Jesus Christ. We are to use the weapon of the Word of God to silence and defeat Satan and his imps. This fact implies that we will dedicate ourselves to study the Word or pray for the Holy Spirit to empower us to be able to withstand Satan’s attacks. This dedication will put us “in sync” with Jesus and will be the impetus to bring the deliverance we desire.

Knowing these truths and the work of God through Jesus by the Holy Spirit has worked within us, let us proceed to be faithful in our devotional connection with Jesus so that we might “kick the Devil in the face” and gain the victory through Jesus Christ and His Word!

In Christ Jesus, Pastor Elsbury



3 Dot Mackley

9 Parker Lillard

31 Sue Clabaugh



13 Ashley and Ben Lillard

 Trinity’s monthly coffee and fellowship gathering will be held October 16 **from 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.**, in the Social Room.

Pastor Elsbury will be taking vacation from October 6-13. In his absence, Pastor Beth Firme of Apples Church has agreed to meet any urgent pastoral needs for Trinity. Pastor Beth, who substituted for us for several weeks last year can be reached at 717-830-8636 or via email at [tailwinds14@gmail.com](mailto:tailwinds14@gmail.com)

Kitchen News

***As you all know, Fall is the busy season for Trinity’s kitchen.***

***This year’s gross proceeds from The Great Frederick Fair was nearly $10,000.***

***Colorfest is this coming weekend. Again, this year Brian Smith will be using our kitchen and dining facilities to sell his wares along with Trinity’s famous soups, pies, and cakes.***

***Our tireless kitchen crew was taken ill this week before Colorfest and special thanks go out to our chicken pickers, Ross Lillard and Larry and Sue Clabaugh, as well as to Russ’ grandson, Sam, our sous chef in training, for stepping in to make the soup.***

***Here’s hoping Colorfest weekend is a clear and sunny one.***



Corey and Natsumi Ellis

Trinity’s Mission Sponsorship

Hey Everyone!

This update is a little bit less fancy looking but you gotta start off small and it will only get better from here! I just wanted to send a quick and small update letting you all know that I have officially started and been on the job for about a month now! Things are going great. This week and last I have been jumping into some of my bigger and longer term projects that I am really excited about. I will keep you all updated with them as they continue!

Here are**some updates of what has been going on** over the last few weeks:  
1. Our team put on an event called live sent week at our church. This was all about the theme of sending that we see in Scripture and how we as believers are called to be a part of that. We had several breakout sessions for church members to get more information about practical next steps for them to get involved locally.

2. Natsumi and I got married!! It has been a long time coming but it finally happened! Actually three years ago this month we started dating! It was a really special day for us. The hardest part for me was keeping it small. I wish we could have invited every one of you as well, but we are excited to continue to walk through life with every one of you.

Here are a couple **ways you can pray for me**.

1. I am going to be preaching a sermon on a portion of Acts chapter 10 in about two weeks. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide me as I prepare and give the sermon.

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2. Please pray for Natsumi and I. That we would establish good and healthy marital rhythms. That we would love our community well, and that through our marriage we would help one another love Jesus more.

3. Pray for wisdom in my job. I have been given some large tasks that I really desire to do well so that we might improve and be able to serve our missionaries even better.

**PLEASE PLEASE click on this link below**. The Link will take you to a form with the following questions. It may take you 5 minutes to answer or 15 minutes but please take a couple minutes to do this because I want to pray for you well over the next two years, and this will greatly help me to do that.

Link to the Form:

<https://forms.gle/GRCuuwAJWxCyhP9p8>

Questions in the Form:

1.Please list the names of your family (including yourself) so I can pray for all of you!

2.Please include your mailing address so I can send you a note!

3.Please write one way that you would like to grow in your relationship with God through the rest of 2022.

4.Please write one thing you would like to see God do through you between now and the end of 2022.

5. Is there anything else you would like me to be praying for you?

6. If you want, please upload a photo of your family. I would love to get to see you all as I pray for you!

Sincerely,

Corey

Called to Serve (cont’d)