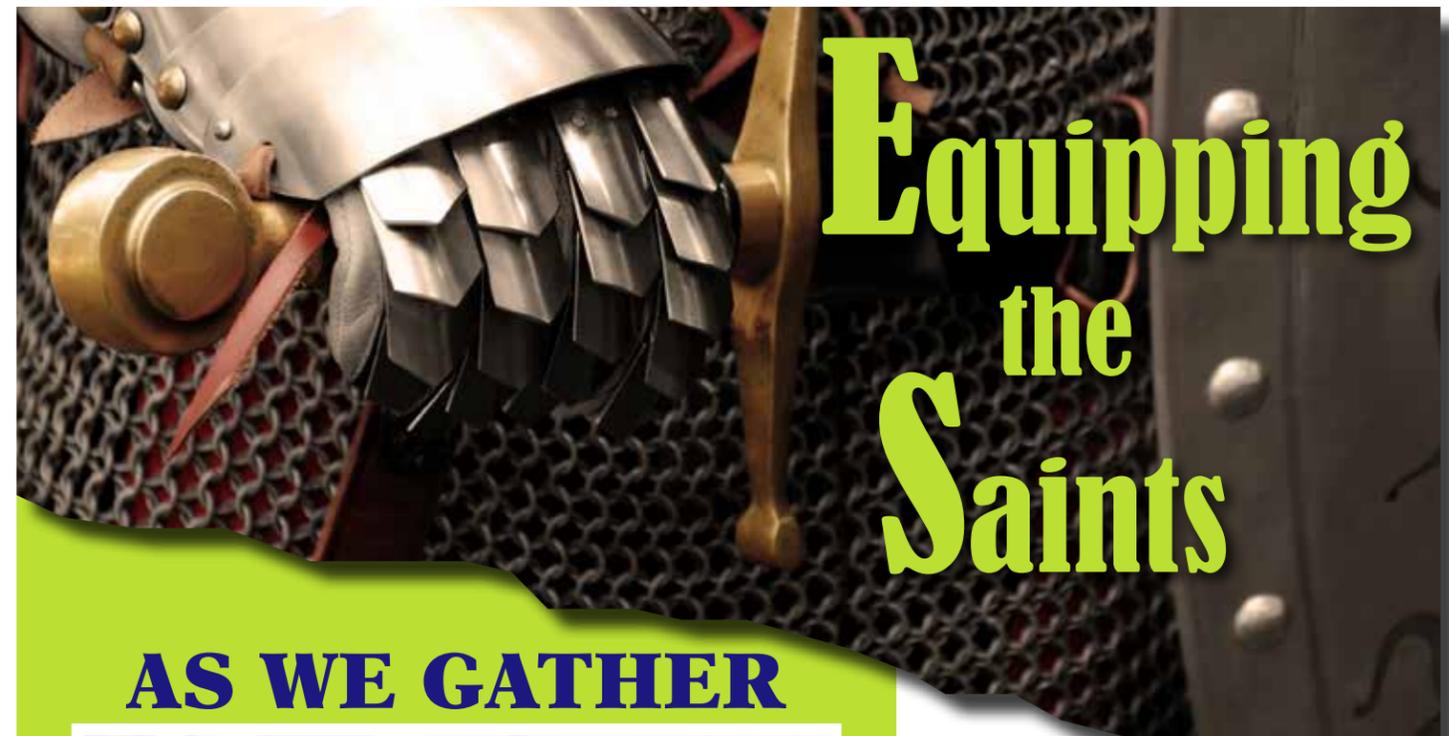


# TRINITY'S JUNIOR CHURCH



## Youth Sunday & Grad Recognition Service



### AS WE GATHER



*John 8:32: "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth say make you free."*

Freedom, whether in its collective state like that of a nation or in its personal state like that of individuals, is a righteous goal. True freedom is a result of the sacrifice of someone or something on the behalf of others. Freedom can only be achieved through truth, seeking the truth, speaking the truth, and receiving the truth! As the body of Christ, we must embody truth and endeavor to live it daily remembering the life of Jesus as our example. Whether it is freedom from sin, from others, or from ourselves, a life of truth will break the chains of bondage and let freedom reign.

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### QUARTERLY DEVOTIONAL

"Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished. By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil. When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him."

- Proverbs 16:5-7

### Growing in the Spirit

Elder Bill Osborne will take your  
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See him for more details.



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# PRAYER

Prayer is our form of communication with a God and communication is an essential ingredient in any relationship. It involves not only making our request known unto God, but also listening for His answer, a simple guide to an effective prayer life and thus effective relationship. First, be specific. While it is true the Lord already knows what you have need of, He desires to know you also know what you are in need of so give it to Him exactly as you need it or desire (Mark 11:23-26). Second, be consistent, consistent in both how you pray, when you pray, where you pray. Make prayer a priority! The Lord gave us a model prayer consisting of many of the things we need help with on a daily basis in Matthew 6:6-15. Lastly, be persistent (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Don't let your timing interfere with God's timing. He hears and answers all prayers so make it known and then let Him respond.



# YOUR FAITHFULNESS

A key component to having success is our faithfulness or commitment displayed during any situation or circumstance. Especially true when considering our walk with the Lord. Christianity requires discipline and maintaining a set of standards in that pursuit. Faithfulness can be displayed in a number of ways. Through our attendance (Hebrews 10:26); through our giving (Malachi 3); through the word (2 Timothy 2:15); through our worship (Psalms 29:2). Serving Christ and a life with Him is eternal so let us continue to strive for a deeper commitment to Him and His principles and see if He won't pour out a blessing you won't be able to contain.

# YOUTH MINISTRIES

## TCC's Young Saints

### LAND OF THE FREE

Summer is a time when a lot of people celebrate freedom, and they celebrate big-time: fireworks every weekend, family barbecues, flags flying, and endless Facebook posts about our nation's freedom. Although a nation's independence is very important, how often do we think about spiritual freedom?

The Word of God talks a lot about bondage vs. freedom, and it's very clear that freedom, or liberty, is what God wants for His children. Galatians 5:13 starts with, "For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty..." – meaning that we are meant to be free. What is it that God wants us free from? Well, that can be different for each person. But overall, God does not want us bound to any sin. Whether that is lust, stealing, addiction, foolish behavior, gossip, and the list goes on and on, God wants us to be free from those things to live in His complete joy and peace.

"Okay, that sounds good and all, but how do I get that freedom?" Glad you asked! Paul writes to the Corinthian church, "Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty" (2 Corinthians 3:17). When we are walking with the Spirit of God and have God's presence in our lives, we will find liberty! Sounds too simple, doesn't it? But it's true – if we draw near to God and follow the leading of His Holy Spirit, instead of following the leading of our flesh, we can experience true freedom from the bonds of sin. Once we receive our freedom, however, it's important that we don't return back to those things that had us bound. The rest of Galatians 5:13 says, "only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another." God's grand design is that His children get free from sin, but then use their freedom to love each other. Any other use of our freedom is outside of God's will; and just like we honor the work of American soldiers who fight for our civil freedoms, it's important to honor the work of Jesus Christ who died for our spiritual freedom.

"But where do I find His Spirit?!" Man, you ask really good questions. The good news is this: God is always present, and He always wants your attention. So when you seek Him, you will find Him. His Word is always the best place to start. When you seek God out through Scripture and prayer, He will make Himself known to you. Psalm 139 also says, "7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? 8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. 9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; 10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me." There is nowhere you can go that God cannot reach you – and though some people may find that scary or intimidating, take it as a comfort that we are never out of God's grasp. He is too big for us to hide from and too big for us to miss Him if we look.

As you celebrate your freedoms this summer, take some time out to seek God and thank Him not only for your liberty in the natural, but also your eternal liberty in the spiritual. God appreciates your worship far more than He appreciates fireworks.

# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE JUNE REVIVAL

