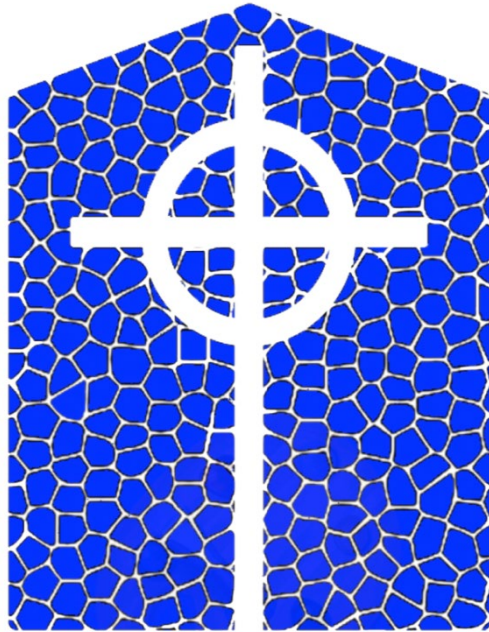


5 Day Devotional



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Birthday Missions Program



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF VOLUSIA / FLAGLER COUNTIES

Boys & Girls Club of
Volusia/Flagler

Rymfire Elementary

1425 Rymfire Drive
Palm Coast, FL 32164

<https://www.bgcvc.org>

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Boys and Girls Club operates an after school program to engage young people in activities with adults, peers, and family members to develop the confidence & self-esteem that will enable them to reach their full potential. National Boys & Girls Club programs are implemented in the areas of: Character & Leadership Development, Education & Career Development, Sports, Fitness & Recreation, Health & Life Skills and The Arts. They serve children 6-18.

REFLECT



READ: Psalm 24:1-5 (The earth is the Lord's...)

Similar to Genesis 1, this Psalm reminds us that everything we have is from God. But then it takes us a step further and tells us that to see God face to face, we cannot lift up our souls to what is false. Money and consumerism can easily become a false idol, particularly in our US context. We are called to recognize that all we have comes from

God. Acknowledging God's abundance and provision, and then sharing generously from that provision will help us move in the direction the Psalmist tells us to, to have clean hands and pure hearts. And we are promised blessing, vindication and salvation when we do that.



READ: Proverbs 3:5-9 (Trust in the Lord with all your heart, honor God with your first fruits)

Proverbs offers a lot of pithy one-liners that can be used to reflect on our call to stewardship and generosity. Proverbs 3:9 is helpful to see stewardship in the larger context as well, not only is this a call to give generously from our first fruits, it is a reminder to trust in God, follow God, and seek God's wisdom. All of these are forms of stewardship and all are deserving of our attention and reflection.

PRAY

Prayer: Father, give us wisdom to trust and follow you as we decide how to share all that you have given us with your world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen



Paws of War

8 Wakefield Place
Palm Coast, FL 32164

<https://pawsofwar.org>

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Paws of War is an organization which trains rescued dogs to be companions for military veterans and first responders.

Their mission is to serve and provide independence to our U.S. military veterans that suffer from the emotional effects of war and our First Responders! There is no cost to our Heroes for the services.

REFLECT



READ: Luke 13:18-21 (Parable of the mustard seed and the yeast)

Big and small gifts are appreciated and can be used by God. There is hardly a more beautiful way to speak about the hidden promise of even the smallest gift than the image of the mustard seed, so tiny yet holding so much possibility. Or for those who are bakers, the yeast provides a similar illustration. We are given so many gifts from God, and we are called to give back. We hold the promise of

God's awesome power at work within us and through our gifts. So we share our gifts so that God can use them and grow them and us just like the mustard seed becomes a tree big enough for birds and the yeast grows big enough to make the bread and provide sustenance for us.



READ: 1 Peter 4:8-11 (love, hospitality and being good stewards of God's grace)

This verse reflects back on the double love command, calling for love. And one way that love is expressed is by giving generously to provide hospitality and serve our "neighbors." This verse also reminds us that we are recipients of the incredible gift of God's grace, and we are called to steward that give by serving others.

Ultimately, our giving is one way that we can glorify God and point to God's amazing love and grace for all of us, and that should be cause for generosity and celebration!

PRAY

Father, thanks for your promises, the provisions you provide us, and possibilities and opportunities to serve you. In Christ name we pray. Amen

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Mandeville Life Skills
Center

24 Old Kings Road N.
Palm Coast, FL 32164

The Mandeville Life Skills is a domestic 501 C(3) non-profit organization serving Palm Coast since June 13, 2013 . The mission of Mandeville Life Skills Center Inc.is to provide vocational and social training for both the physically disabled and the mentally challenged..

REFLECT



READ: Matthew 6:26-33 (God’s provision for the birds and the lilies)

Oftentimes a lack of generosity is based on fear or worry, that there will not be “enough.” This verse reminds us that God provides generously to us, that we don’t need to worry and instead we are called to “strive first for the kingdom of God.” God provides, as Jesus promises in this verse, and then we are invited to share generously out of that provision.



READ: Luke 10:25-29 (Love God and love your neighbor, the greatest commandment)

Jesus answers the question, “And who is my neighbor” with the story of the Good Samaritan. Some version of the “Greatest Commandment” or the “Double Love Command” is found in all the synoptic gospels and this version in Luke concludes with the story of the Good Samaritan and is particularly fitting for reflecting on stewardship. This is the basis for Christian life, to love God and love our neighbors. And we show our love to our neighbors by giving generously of our time, energy and resources, just as the Samaritan did.

PRAY

Prayer: Father, thank you for your provisions, promises, and offering us the possibilities of joining with you to share our time, energy, and resources with your people and world. Help us to reflect on your love and decide wisely how to express our love back to you. In Christ name we pray. Amen.



Family Life Center of Flagler
County

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Suite 503
Bunnell, FL 32110

<http://familylifecenterflagler.org>

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The Family Life Center is a private not-for-profit social service organization providing no-cost services to individuals and families experiencing Domestic or Sexual Violence recognizing the specific challenges faced by those in rural areas of Flagler County. The Family Life Center strives to create

an environment of safe and harmonious co-existence among families residing within its facility and throughout the Flagler County community, while providing an empowerment-based model of help that is self-directed by the survivor.

REFLECT



READ: Genesis 1:1-5 (The Creation Story)

Start at the very beginning! This verse reminds us that God created everything, so all that we have is ultimately from God. It is also a reminder that God brings light into our world, and as children of the light, we are called to live lives of gratitude and generosity, giving back to the work of God out of the abundance that God has shared with us from the very beginning.



READ: Genesis 9:1-3, 16-17 (Noah, the aftermath of the flood and the rainbow)

This story is another reminder of God's generous provision to humanity. God provides for our basic needs and also establishes an everlasting covenant with us. Our response must be one of gratitude and generosity for this abundant provision. We can be inspired by the image of the rainbow and the reminder that God will provide for us, so we are called to respond generously to provide for the needs of others through stewardship.

PRAY

Father God, thank you for your promises to provide for us always. Let us be generous with your gifts by serving others. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*Gilda Blair Fund assists with funding this outreach program.



Whispering Meadows
Ranch

5011 John Anderson
Highway
Flagler Beach, FL 32136

<https://www.whisperingmeadowsranch.org/>

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Whispering Meadows Ranch is a 100% volunteer-based, 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to enriching the lives of those with disabilities and special needs through our recreational, educational, and equine-assisted programs. They strive to be a place where visitors and their families feel welcomed and accepted unconditionally. The Ranch's foundational principles are Christ-centered and are guided by and fully embrace Christian values, including respect, kindness, and compassion.

REFLECT



READ: Genesis 45:1-5 (Joseph's story of forgiving his brothers)

Genesis, chapters 37-50, provides a beautiful case study in modeling generosity. Joseph is mistreated by his brothers and sold into slavery. He rises to become Pharaoh's vizier. His brothers come to Egypt in the midst of a famine and Joseph shares generously with his brothers, giving them

not just food but forgiveness. This story reminds us that we have received so much from God: food for our bodies and forgiveness to heal our spirits and our lives. Therefore we are called to respond generously, just as Joseph responds generously to his brothers in their time of need.



READ: Exodus 16:11-16, 31 (God provides mana to the Israelites in the wilderness)

The provision of manna to the Israelites wandering in the wilderness is a reminder that God provides abundantly for all of us. The details in this story of “meat at night and bread in the morning” and the delicious description of the manna offer a unique perspective that God doesn’t just give us the bare minimum, but provides abundantly. In turn, we are called to share abundantly in our response to God, not just offering the bare minimum, but offering our best.

PRAY

Father, give us a spirit of thankfulness and generosity as we can look for ways to respond to your gifts. Remind us of all you provide for us. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

OVERVIEW

The Missions and Stewardship Committees have developed this 5-day devotional journey for you to use to reflect on God's love for us and how we can respond to that love. Each day there is a destination for you to drive to and reflect. Take your Bible and read the scripture and thoughts. Take a moment to think about all your gifts from God and how you can use them to show His love to others. Each of these destinations is supported by the Church's Birthday Mission Program or the Gilda Blair fund. As the church celebrates your birthday with you, you are asked to respond to God's love with your birthday gift to the mission fund. Please indicate you want your gift to go to the Birthday Mission Program.

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