

### Only God Can Save Us Now

The Roman poet Horace lived a few years before the birth of Jesus. He was critical of many of the playwrights in his day for resorting too readily to the supernatural to solve the knotty problems which they had developed in the course of their plots. One of the guidelines Horace suggested was, “Do not bring a god onto the stage unless the problem is one that deserves a god to solve it.”

Our world is experiencing some horrific problems. Terrorists create chaos by mass murders. Rogue dictators have access to nuclear weapons. Millions of helpless refugees from ravaged nations have nowhere to live. The world economy is in a funk. Moral values have become so inverted that *evil has become good and good evil*. Racial strife and political correctness threaten to divide America. Meanwhile, environmentalists and liberal politicians insist that climate change is the *world’s biggest danger*.

Our problems are so complex that we need God to resolve them. Some cavalierly insist, “There have always been problems, and these days are no different.” However, the current chaos is worldwide, and centuries ago, there were no weapons of mass destruction. The Bible predicts, **“There will be perilous times in the last days”** and **“evildoers and imposters will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.”** According to the Bible, history isn’t going in a cycle – it’s going toward a chaotic climax that will only be resolved by Divine intervention.

Billy Graham said, “Everywhere I go I find that people...both leaders and individuals... are asking one basic question, “Is there any hope for the future’? My answer is the same, ‘Yes, through Jesus Christ.’”

Those aren’t just religious talking points. Followers of Jesus Christ are not just saying, “Turn to Christ and He will forgive your sins and save your soul for eternity.”

Thankfully, He will do that. But the Bible teaches that Jesus can dramatically save our country, our freedom and preserve our way of life for the future of our children and grandchildren.

How can God come onto the stage of history and resolve our ominous problems?

(1) He could save us through supernatural intervention. Several times in Scripture, God miraculously rescued His people from what appeared to be a completely hopeless situation. He parted the waters when Moses and the Israelites were trapped at the Red Sea. He struck 185,000 enemy soldiers down when Hezekiah and His people were under a relentless siege in Jerusalem.

God still promises to save those who repent and trust totally in Him. **“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land” (2 Chronicles 7:14).** Nothing is impossible with God. He can still intervene and spare our land. But He is our only hope. Politicians, educators, generals, economists, and environmentalists cannot save us.

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*Our only hope is to go to our knees in humble repentance and cry out for an outpouring of God's Spirit. His arm is still mighty to save.*

(2) There is another way God could save us, and that is by the second coming of Jesus Christ to the earth. Jesus promised that one day, in a time of great peril, He will suddenly return and make all things new. He said he would come back in power and glory. And on that day every eye will see Him, every knee will bow to Him, and every tongue will confess Him as Lord. That event is called in Scripture, "Our blessed hope." Imagine Jesus returning in person and establishing His Kingdom on earth. Envision Him overseeing the economy, the environment, the education system, Wall Street, the entertainment world and, especially, the church. Imagine people from every race, every tribe, every tongue united under the banner of Jesus Christ. Wow! What a day that will be!

Some students of Scripture teach that when Jesus returns it will be the end of the earth's existence. He takes believers to heaven and consigns unbelievers to hell, and that's it. They contend most prophecy is figurative and shouldn't be taken literally. I understand the Bible to predict that Jesus will return to reign on earth. Revelation speaks of, "...a new heaven and a new earth." Jesus taught us to pray, "Your kingdom come, your will be done, ON EARTH, as it is in heaven."

Wouldn't it be glorious to have someone in charge of this world who had practical solutions for our problems and a genuine compassion for people? Picture a day when men will lay down their firearms and not make war anymore, a day when children can play in previously dangerous areas without fear of being kidnapped or molested by human snakes slithering in the shrubs? Wouldn't it be wonderful if the cultural war was over and the conservative and the liberal will no longer be at each other's throats? The Bible says there will come a time when the wolf will lie down with the lamb and the earth will be "filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea"? How good is that?

Isaiah promises, **"In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious. In that day the Lord will reach out his hand a second time to reclaim the surviving remnant of his people...and gather the exiles of Israel; he will assemble the scattered people of Judah from the four quarters of the earth."**

**(Isaiah 11: 10-12)**

No wonder the Apostle Paul said that we should long for the coming of Jesus. The more we witness the inability of human efforts to solve our knotty problems, the more we are eager for our God to come on to the stage. And the more likely we are to plead as did the Apostle John, "Even so Lord Jesus, come quickly!"

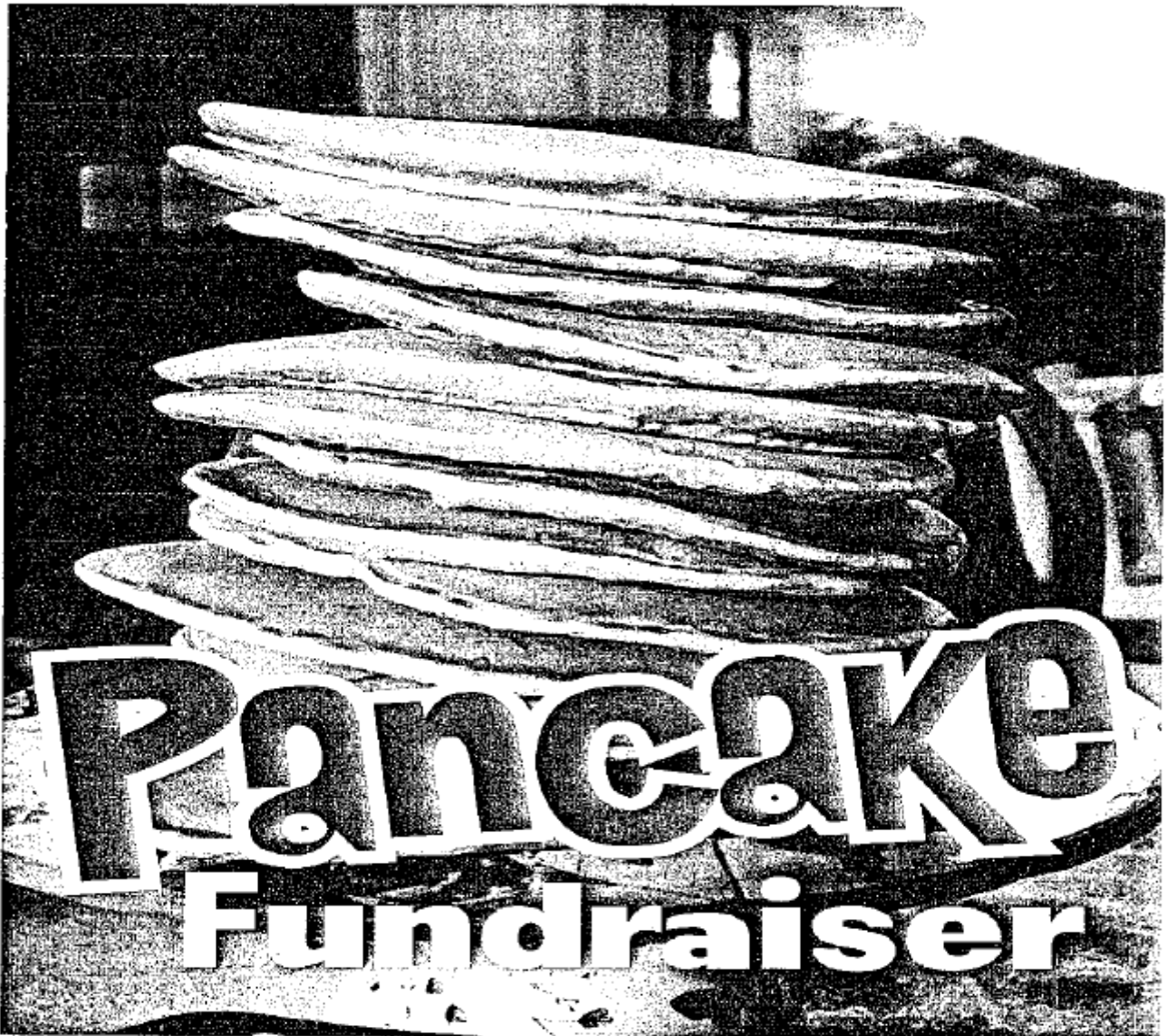
Think about it,  
Pastor Jamie Kent

**Trinity Jr/Sr High Pancake Luncheon**  
**Sunday, September 8th after morning worship**

**Menu will be pancakes, bacon and egg casserole.**

**All donations go to support the youth fund.**

**Come and bring family and friends to enjoy a time of great food  
and fellowship at Trinity Church.**



## Trinity Financials June 2019

General Operating Income for June \$14,552.07  
General Operating Fund Expense for June \$(16,677.78)  
2019 General Operating Budget YTD \$95,95,322  
2019 General Operating Income YTD \$102,351  
2019 Bldg. Transfers YTD (\$1,417)  
2019 General Operating Expense YTD (\$112,393)  
2019 Gen. Oper. Income Less Expense YTD (\$10,042)

### August Averages in Attendance and Offerings

Worship-116  
Sunday School -28  
Offering \$3,433.25  
Weekly Need \$4,022.42

## September Events

**September 1** - Worship with Holy Communion.  
**September 2** - Office closed for Labor Day.  
**September 5** - Finance Ministry Team to meet at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall.  
**September 7**-4F's Breakfast at Red Wagon at 8:30am  
**September 8** - Youth Pancake Lunch after worship.  
**September 13-15** - River Days.  
**September 15** - Youth Group Event. Hayride, bonfire, hot dog roast and smores.  
**September 21-22** - New Harmony Kuntsfest.  
**September 25**-See You at the Pole at MVHS at 7:15am.  
**September 26** - Finance Ministry Team to meet at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall.  
**September 29** - Trinity's Annual Picnic & Worship at 10:30am in the parking lot across from Trinity Educational Building, Mulberry Street. No Sunday School.  
**September 29** - MVMA 5th Sunday Rally at St. John's at 6:00pm . Rev Jamie will be preaching.

## Trinity Financials July 2019

General Operating Income for July \$12,853.35  
General Operating Fund Expense for July \$(11,345.93)  
2019 General Operating Budget YTD \$111,209  
2019 General Operating Income YTD \$115,204  
2019 Bldg. Transfers YTD \$(1,712)  
2019 General Operating Expense YTD (\$123,739)  
2019 Gen. Oper. Income Less Expense YTD (\$8,535)

## Neighbors in Need Special Offering

The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on **October 6** supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Through UCCTakeAction.org, our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, new updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues.

New AA Meetings in Basement  
Saturdays from 12 Noon-1:00pm  
Tuesday Night AA meetings will continue.

Coffee Hour  
September 15

*Please Pray for*

**Solarbron The Point**

Lucille Saunders

**West River Health,**

**The Legacy**

Charles Huey

**Mt. Vernon Nsg. &**

**Rehab**

Mark Healy

Mary Jane Dausman

Melva Englebright

**Premier Healthcare,**

**New Harmony**

Barbara Kleinschmidt

Tim Sanford

Pete Schuessler

Cindy Searcy

Ann & Allyn Simpson

Phillip Tyson

Sharon Utley

Nelda Veach

Susan Weis

Haley Winiger

**Expectant Mothers**

Tasha Schmitzer

Rachel Johnson

Chad Abbott

Linda Almon

Pat Ashworth

Donna Beauchamp

DeAnne Brauser

Maddie Broome

Jody Call

Mildred Clevenger

Katelyn Culley

(Military)

Marsha Frisby

Jerry Funkhouser

Patrick Goodman

Family of Don Heber-  
er

Janice Heriges

Dan & Diane

Hinderliter

Lourana Howard

Mark Hudson

Kathy Mueller

Fonda Parker

Guin Pfarner

Kent Osborn

Mike Russell

If we have inadvertently left a name off any list, please contact the church office at 838-3805.



**Youth Choir Rehearsal**

**Youth Choir Starts  
Wednesday  
September 4  
6:00-7:00  
in Lounge.**

Age 7-High School youth are eligible to join the youth choir.

**Trinity UCC's Picnic**

**Sunday, September 29 10:30 a.m.**

Chicken, drinks and tableware will be furnished. We would like each family to bring one side dish serving at least eight people.

Please circle one:

SALAD    VEGETABLE    DESSERT

**Church Service at 10:30**, eating after worship.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Reservations: # Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Please enter # for choice of each attending:

Chicken White \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Dark \_\_\_\_\_

**Reservation Deadline:**

**Sunday, September 22.** Please put in offering plate or turn in to office.

*Birthdays this month*

09/01 Mallory Kuhn	09/22 Dorothy Alldredge
09/05 Justin & Joshua Uhde	09/22 Dorothy Rueger
	09/28 Lyndsay Keitel
09/07 Matthew Strupp	09/29 Lori Holder
09/09 Kyle Holder	09/30 Josh Redman
09/12 Magdalena Baumgart	
09/13 Glenda Higgins	
09/14 Sue Williams	
09/21 Wilma Jacobs	

# Jr/Sr High Youth Kick-Off at Trinity

## YOUTH GROUP EVENT

**What:** Hayride, bon-fire, hot dog roast and smores

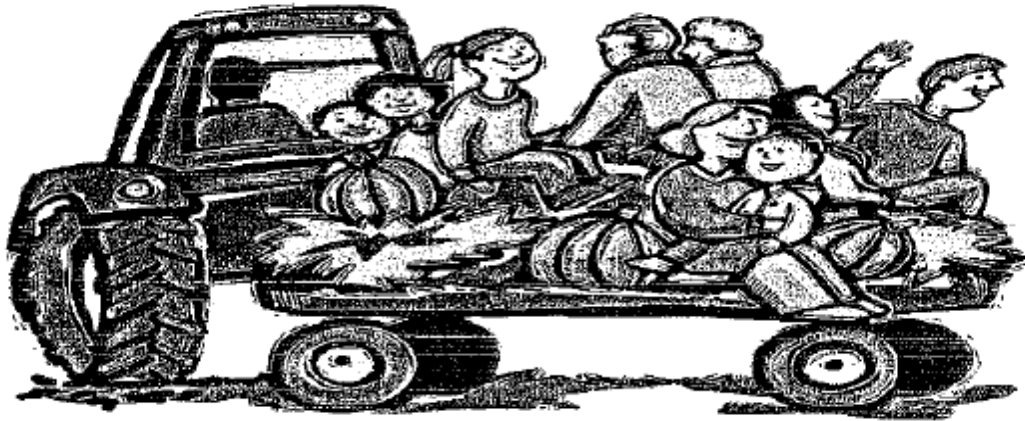
**When:** Sunday, September 15th from 5:00pm to 7:30pm.

**Meet** at the parsonage lot at 4:45pm to leave.

**Where:** Home of Jody & Susie Roby

**Who:** Trinity Jr/Sr high and friends

## LET'S GO ON A HAYRIDE



September 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:10 SS 10:10 Worship with Holy Communion	<b>2</b> Office Closed 9:00 Care Squares  6:30 Boy Scouts	<b>3</b> 9:00 Quilters  7:30 AA	<b>4</b> 6:00 Children's Choir 6:00 Bible Study 7:15 Choir	<b>5</b>  6:30 Finance Ministry Team	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  12:00 AA
<b>8</b> 9:10 SS 9:45 Choir 10:10 Worship Youth Pancake Lunch	<b>9</b> 9:00 Care Squares  6:30 Boy Scouts	<b>10</b> 9:00 Quilters  7:30 AA	<b>11</b> 1:30 Spiritual Life 6:00 Children's Choir 6:00 Bible Study 7:15 Choir	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  12:00 AA
<b>15</b> 9:10 SS 10:10 Worship Coffee Hour 4:45 Youth Group Event-Hayride	<b>16</b> 9:00 Care Squares  6:30 Boy Scouts <b>7:00 Council</b>	<b>17</b> 9:00 Quilters  7:30 AA	<b>18</b> 6:00 Children's Choir 7:00 Choir	<b>19</b> Newsletter Deadline	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  12:00 AA
<b>22</b> 9:10 SS 10:10 Worship	<b>23</b> 9:00 Care Squares  6:30 Boy Scouts	<b>24</b> 9:00 Quilters  7:30 AA	<b>25</b> 6:00 Children's Choir 7:00 Choir	<b>26</b> 6:00 Christmas Assistance 6:30 Finance	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  12:00 AA
<b>29</b> 10:30 Picnic MVMA 5th Sunday Rally	<b>30</b> 9:00 Care Squares  6:30 Boy Scouts					

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THURSDAY, **Thursday, September 19**  
your notes, articles, or announcements  
to the office on time! Electronic  
submissions are especially  
appreciated!

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**Food Pantry**  
**Canned Vegetables**  
**& Fruit**

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