

The Trinity Times

“Together we **LIVE** to see our lives, our community, and our world transformed by the power of the **Gospel** of *Jesus Christ*.”

Welcome!



MARCH 2026

"DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN IN ALL THE PLACES YOU CAN"

- JOHN WESLEY

"SERVE EACH OTHER ACCORDING TO THE GIFT EACH PERSON HAS RECEIVED, AS GOOD MANAGERS OF GOD'S DIVERSE GIFTS"

- 1 PETER 4:10



Trinity United Methodist Church

Rev. David Cervantez
Pastor

Sunday Worship
at 10:00 a.m.

In Person —
You may wear your mask as
you feel comfortable.

Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m. is also available on
Facebook Live, &
www.tumcsa.net

Prayer Meetings:
- Wednesdays via zoom at
2:15 p.m.

Church office phone
210-684-0261
Business office hours:
Mondays—Thursdays
11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
or **call for an appointment**

e-mail:
TrinityUMCoffice1@gmail.com
6800 Wurzbach Road,
San Antonio, Texas 78240
www.tumcsa.net



FEBRUARY 2026 ATTENDANCE IN WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY [IN-PERSON]

FEBRUARY 1	45
FEBRUARY 8	30
FEBRUARY 15	30
FEBRUARY 22	37

FACEBOOK LIVE – [VIEWS]

FEBRUARY 1	103
FEBRUARY 8	80
FEBRUARY 15	83
FEBRUARY 22	85

*TITHES & OFFERINGS

FEBRUARY 1	\$8,101
FEBRUARY 8	\$3,332
FEBRUARY 15	\$ 829
FEBRUARY 22	\$ 321

[*Tithes & Offerings report taken
from ONLY the Sunday counters;
online and text giving NOT
Included].



Happy Birthday to:

ALISA ROBERTS	2-Mar
MARCIA FOSTER	13-Mar
DEBRA PUTZ- TREVINO	14-Mar
JACK TOOLE	14-Mar
TOM PHILLIPS	20-Mar
DON DANCAK	22-Mar
SHIRLEY FERGUSON	24-Mar
HARRIET PHILLIPS	24-Mar
WARDINE WILCOX	28-Mar

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If we have missed your
special day, please notify
Cynthia in the church office.
Thank you!

**May God shower blessings
on you today and forever.**



“God, help me navigate whatever challenges I encounter this day. Be my comfort and my rock. Guide me to do Your will and be an instrument of Your peace today and each day. Amen.”

*Prayer team meets every Wednesday at 2:15pm via Zoom.
Please call the office (210-684-0261) for Zoom links.
Please join us or send us your prayer request at www.tumcsa.net*



FREE FOOD! every **3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH**
MARCH 21, 2026 – FROM 10 AM–12 NOON

THE ARBUTUS PLACE AT TRINITY'S PARKING LOT FACING NEWCOME STREET

FLEA MARKET/YARD SALE/POP-UP MARKET

- ◆ Bring your tables.
- ◆ The cost is \$15.00 per space.
- ◆ You may bring your canopy and chairs.
- ◆ Invite your friends, and come and have a picnic.
- ◆ Either prepay at the church office (Mon-Thurs) between 11 am and 2 pm or bring in the day of → CASH Only and the exact amount.
- ◆ Great visibility on Wurzbach. Will advertise on social media and the church's electronic marquee.



MARCH 14, 2026 | 9 am-2 pm | EVERY 2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

Trinity United Methodist Church
6800 Wurzbach Road, 78240. 210-684-0261 church office.
GOOD LOCATION! PROMISE ☺



EASTER CARDS PROJECT

Please join us as we reach out to seniors this Lenten Season. Trinity is sharing the joy of the resurrection with those many older folks who are homebound or in assisted living and unable to join us for worship. Along with other groups in the area, we are making homemade Easter cards and sharing Christ's love with visits to nearby assisted living facilities.

We are teaming with:

- ⇒ *St Mark's UMC*
- ⇒ *St Luke's Catholic Church*
- ⇒ *Magdalena House*
- ⇒ *Arc of San Antonio*
- ⇒ *Helping Hands Day Hab*
- ⇒ *Unicorn Center*

We'll be packing Easter eggs after church on March 1. Everyone is invited to join in the fun by putting together a few cards and distributing them to someone who might appreciate a reminder of why we are celebrating! Cards and eggs will be available in the narthex.



THE RAIN (by Harriet Phillips, Lay Leader)

Sunshine also falls on the just and the unjust! One episode of "The Good Doctor" has a short conversation involving Sean, the star of the show, and one who is autistic. Someone says to him, "You've had a lot of bad things happen to you." His reply was, "I've had a lot of good things happen to me, too."

I heard a story many years ago about a woman who got a broken arm when she was about 22. She was telling a small audience of friends about this. She added that 30 years later she fell and broke her hip. She summarized her life story by saying, "Everything happens to me." Seriously? Two occurrences, 30 years apart, and she felt that everything happened to her?

Do you dwell on only those things that are "bad" in your life and think no one else has had such things happen to them? I promise that we ALL experience "good" things and "bad" things.

Maybe you believe that the "bad" things that have happened to you are worse than any "bad" things that happen to anyone else. Maybe that is God's point. We are here to endure things and, hopefully, learn from them. Maybe if you had endured someone else's trial, you wouldn't have learned from it. I believe God uses what we go through to teach us lessons. (I don't necessarily believe God causes these things to happen to us but simply uses them.)

Notice that I put "good" and "bad" in quotation marks. Shakespeare said, "Nothing is good or bad but thinking makes it so." In other words, something that you feel is bad may seem good to someone else and vice versa. Rain is good to many of us! A song in The Life of Brian says, "Always look on the bright side of life." Incidentally, Brian sang this as he was hanging on a cross and knew he was about to die! What could possibly be "good" about this scenario? Duh! He was going to heaven!

I know that many of you have trials and situations in your life that you pray and pray will be eliminated. I know I have! As difficult as this makes my life, I have no other option than to trust that God knows what God is doing and that even "this too shall pass." Maybe the situation will not end in this life, but I truly believe that it will be eliminated in heaven. Please hold on to this thought when you want to give up. God loves you and wants the best for you. I know God's idea of "the best" may not be the same as your idea of "the best." As the song says, "Only Trust Him."

Remember that you've had a lot of good things happen to you, too! Pauley Perrette, who used to play Abby in NCIS, believes that we should thank God for not only the good things that happen in our lives, but for the bad things, too. They all teach lessons and are, therefore, gifts from God. Again, only trust Him.

True repentance in the Bible is a heartfelt change of mind and attitude toward sin and God, resulting in a turn from sinful actions toward obedience to Him. It involves godly sorrow, confession, and a tangible reversal of direction, moving from rebellion to a life that honors God.

Key Aspects of True Repentance

- ◇ ***A "Change of Mind" (Metanoia)***: The Greek term *metanoia* signifies a radical shift in thinking, overturning previous attitudes, desires, and perspectives on life.
- ◇ ***"Turning" from Sin***: Based on the Hebrew concept of returning (*shuv: turn around*), it is a concrete, active turnaround, not just a feeling of regret. It means turning away from sin and toward God.

Godly Sorrow

It is not merely fear of punishment, but a deep, sincere grief over having offended a holy God, as described in 2 Corinthians 7:10.

- ◇ ***Confession and Taking Responsibility***: Genuine repentance involves owning one's actions, confessing them to God without making excuses or blaming others.
- ◇ ***Actionable Change ("Fruits")***: True repentance is evidenced by a changed life and behaviors that align with God's word, as seen in the examples of Zacchaeus or the Prodigal Son.

A Gift from God: Repentance is not merely human effort, but a response to God's grace and kindness, allowing him to sanctify the heart.

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True vs. False Repentance

- ◇ **True Repentance:** Produces lasting change and obedience.
- ◇ **False Repentance:** Superficial, temporary, or driven solely by the fear of consequences (e.g., Judas Iscariot's remorse vs. Peter's repentance).

It is important to understand that while confession and change are involved, repentance is a transformation of the inner man that subsequently changes behavior.

-pursueGod.org

GOD'S GARDEN

I can still recall the fresh smell of the mountain air and the cold, squishy sensation of the Grand Canyon soil under bare feet, which invigorated the senses. My friend Joseph and I hiked along a mountain path that would later become the Rio Grande. We passed through vivid patches of wildflowers in sunny openings along the river. And at night if one looked closely, here and there a shooting star. The list went on and on of God's beauty.

I found myself telling my friend Joseph, riding behind me, as we were riding our mountain bikes, "This is God's garden." The beauty filled me with joy. But the concept of God's Garden set my mind imagining what God liked in His garden.

God must love variety, I thought. Even plants of the same species are different--some tall, some leafy, others with a profusion of flowers. God must love variety! He is not the God of an assembly line creation, but One who loves and appreciates the differences. Cloning is a distinctly man-made aping of Deity.

Sometimes, noticing how we differ from others can make us uneasy, as if we are somehow out of place. Yet, God delights in diversity. Every plant He creates is unique, just as He intended. Our individuality is not a flaw but a masterpiece, crafted by God for a special purpose and cherished by Him.

There is a beautiful verse in Zephaniah 3:17 (NIV):

"The Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing."

As Joseph and I walked through God's garden in the high mountain meadows of the Grand Canyon, my heart was thrilled and filled with joy from the beauty of it. I am sure that, in the same way, God longs to rejoice, sing for joy, over His people, His church.

We are God's garden, the planting of the Lord. Singly we are unique flowers, together a garden. I pray that He enjoys visiting His gardens on Sunday mornings. And I hope He whistles in His heart to the songs we are singing to Him.

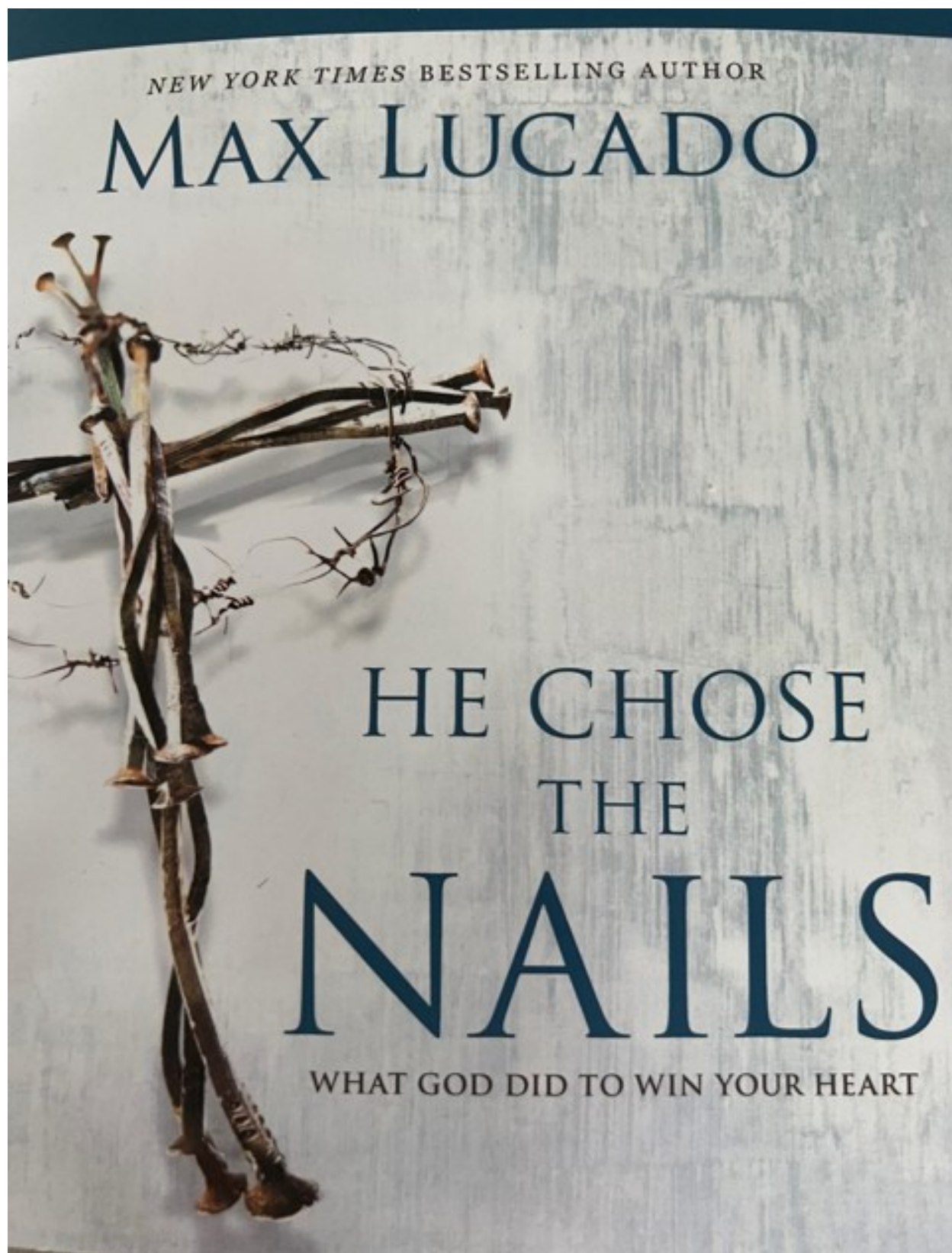
"We are God's garden."

May God Bless and keep you in good health and sprit.

Pastor David & Henrietta Cervantez



IN-PERSON LENTEN BIBLE STUDY STARTS EVERY SATURDAY, BEGINNING FEBRUARY 28TH, FROM 1:30 – 2:30 PM, IN THE NULL BUILDING. EVERYONE WELCOME! PLEASE JOIN US!





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Funds are used to meet food insecurity needs among our veterans, seniors, disabled, and anyone in need. The Arbutus Place is an all-volunteer 5-year old non-profit serving the Medical Center community and beyond with food, prayer, and more. The celebration will be held on April 12, 2025 and will include inspirational speakers, music and a silent auction.

Zelle: thearbutusplace@gmail.com, Venmo: @TheArbutusPlace, Cash App: \$TheArbutusPlace, or Contact Sandra @ 210-480-2969 - thearbutusplace@gmail.com

Trinity United Methodist Church
Lenten Services

6800 Wurzbach Rd



Sunday Services

February 22, March 1, March 8,
March 15, March 22 at 10 am

Palm Sunday Service

March 29, 10 am

Good Friday Service

April 3, 7 pm

Easter Sunday, April 5

Breakfast 8:30 am

Service 10 am