



WEDNESDAY, 29 JULY 2026

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"We would see Jesus and be transformed into His Likeness"

"Our Purpose is to GROW DEEPER! Grow deeper with God, in Relationships with each other, by creating Opportunities for ministry and as Witnesses."

Greeting's Trinity Families

Our theme for this year's holiday club was Superheroes. Do you have a favourite superhero? What superpower would you want? As cool as superheroes can be, we spent more time exploring how awesome the Holy Spirit's power is from Acts 2-6. It was the start of June; I was sitting doing my quiet time when Lectio 365 does a beautiful series looking at these passages in Acts. As I sat listening and praying, God said what felt like – Do this!! But Lord, we have prepared the whole series for holiday club already, with different characters who reveal a similar trait as a superhero. Eventually I listened and found myself blown away by how everything fell together so easily and how beautifully the exploration into the Holy Spirit was.

Here is a sample of the devotional space the leaders had each morning with the children.

What is your favorite thing about Spider-man?

Some weird facts

Spider-Man's web dissolves within an hour and yet is strong enough to hold The Hulk.

Spider-Man is the most popular superhero in the world.

What makes you a hero?

One of my favorite things about Spider-man is the quote, with great power comes great responsibility. There is something Christian about that phrase too.

Let's have a look at how the church after being filled with God's Spirit and power decided to care for one another

Acts 2:43-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Heroes to me aren't super powered suited up awesome comic heroes, they are the real people who show love, kindness and compassion to everyone they meet always. How can we do this, by being filled with the Holy Spirit and choosing to follow and become more like Jesus.

What is your favorite thing about Batman?

Some weird facts:

According to Christian Bale, the batsuit was extremely uncomfortable (especially with how he was unable to turn his head). And he used his discomfort and frustration to get into character when Batman was being threatening and frightening to criminals.

While most superheroes have superpowers, Batman does not. He relies on his martial arts skills, detective skills, physical strength, intellect, wealth, technology, and will, to face the criminals in Gotham City.

How do you handle conflict and criticism?

One of my favorite things about Batman, aside from his cool gadgets and toys is his suit and mask. Not the idea of hiding his face but the superhero trait of branding, using the bat as his mask, the cool ninja star bat and various other toys.

Stephen, likewise, had a branding. His face shone like an angel because he was filled with the Spirit, especially when confronting deceit and persecution, Stephen chose love and forgiveness.

Acts 6:11-15

Then they secretly persuaded some men to say, "We have heard Stephen speak blasphemous words against Moses and against God."

¹² So they stirred up the people and the elders and the teachers of the law. They seized Stephen and brought him before the Sanhedrin. ¹³ They produced false witnesses, who testified, "This fellow never stops speaking against this holy place and against the law. ¹⁴ For we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs Moses handed down to us."

¹⁵ All who were sitting in the Sanhedrin looked intently at Stephen, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

Our faces may not shine like an angel but there is definitely something different about how we are supposed to live out our faith. Jesus tells us You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. How can you shine Jesus today?



Having set the platform for our day with these devotions, we then dove deeper into exploring how the Holy Spirit empowers us and in what ways. Acts 2 – being filled with the Spirit to boldly proclaim the good news of Jesus. Acts 3 – empowered to use our gifts and talents to serve others as we allow the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us. Acts 4 – Holy Spirit convicts us and encourages us to stand firm in the face of fear or opposition. Acts 5 – we may still fall; the Holy Spirit corrects us and helps to remove the junk and sin in our lives so we can become more like Jesus. Acts 6 – Holy Spirit wants us to become part of God's family, to belong and to serve. Thanks again to everyone who offered support and donated time, food, money, resources and prayers.



We were blessed following this very busy week to spend 10 days in Durban as a family relaxing, swimming and watching the Ballito surf pro. Thanks to all my leaders who stepped in to serve in my absence. One last thought that has stirred within me following our teen discussion from Mark 6 this past Sunday. We focused on Jesus' two unbelievable miracles of feeding 5000 and walking on water.

Romans 8:11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of[a] his Spirit who lives in you.

John 14:12-13 Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.



Questions we posed: Do I truly believe this power of the Holy Spirit lives in me? Could I walk on water? What would it look like to do greater things than Jesus? Why does God's power surprise me? Working with children for most of my life, I love that their innocence and complete belief in awesome, wildly impossible, supernatural power is so certain. Far too often my faith is squashed by my certainty in natural laws and things being

impossible. Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."
Matthew 19:26 **Let's believe!!!**



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What has happened in 2026 so far?

1. We managed to add some additions to the jungle gym during the Day of Service with new ropes and a new climbing wall that has been a hit for many young children.
2. Instead of hosting the Easter egg hunt this year we joined with another organisation who held an Easter drive convoy who handed out eggs to all the children in Edenvale.
3. It was lovely to see all ages involved in the day of service in May and the chop n chat in July. The youth really want to get more involved and raise their hands.
4. The 10 days of prayer offered a great opportunity for our children, youth and families to take some time to engage in prayer in different ways.
5. Our youth day service was a wildly fun and busy time. We are so proud of Themba for sharing during the service and for all the young people who stood up to be part of the leading of the service in some way. Thanks for the opportunity to allow the youth to share their voice and let's keep nurturing these young talents and leaders.
6. Holiday club was a wonderful tiring superhero experience for all of us. We had a good mix of leaders as we adapted to our new times and plans for each day. We had roughly 50 - 60 kids over the week with many of them sharing their faith and experiences of Jesus with their leaders and me. Looking at the forms and those who come, we seem to be catering to children from largely church communities. Though this isn't concerning, it does mean that one of the principle focuses of holiday club – to be evangelical – is no longer happening. It continues to be a privilege to lead these weeks, thanks for all the support.

What is coming up?

1. Lock in 7th August
2. Basement revamp to happen one weekend this year.
3. We will be raising funds for Vacfest for those who will need support.
4. We have another vac event coming up in October
5. Workshop in September for family faith ministry.
6. TYA and youth are planning a painting fundraiser to raise funds for repainting the small hall.
7. Vac camp in December 9-12 costing R1550 excl petrol and t-shirt.

Trends and challenges

1. Commitment of our volunteers and leaders
2. Need for mentors in our youth's lives
3. Family faith support
4. Multipurpose sports arena has been delayed at municipality for about 10 months. Waiting for any news now.
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Committee members and meetings

Ross Turner, Caryn Kemp, Lara Gerber, Craig Thomas, Anthony and Lynn Evans.

There will be more to follow. Please continue to support our ministry through prayer, resources or to join us.

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Friday night Youth – Junior and Senior Youth on Fridays

Sunday School on Sundays at 09h00

Check out the WhatsApp group or contact Ross for more information

Themba Ngwira – July Newsletter

The past month was jam-packed, but despite this, the month was enriching and really fun. The month started off with Holiday Club. I was the leader of the Grade 1 boys, and despite the energy that Noah, William, Phaphi and Enoch brought throughout the week—which left me on the floor, literally, at times—I could not have asked for a better group of children to lead. It was an absolute joy to build relationships with them, laugh together, and watch them engage throughout the week. Although Holiday Club was exhausting, it was certainly one of the highlights of the month.

On the contrary, my month at Spring of Education was slightly disappointing as, when schools closed in late June, the children stopped coming for school, which I found surprising. This meant that I had fewer children to engage with throughout the entire month. Looking back, this might have been a blessing in disguise. This shifted my plan for the month a bit, as we had a class of approximately 30 children of all ages (2-6 years olds). This meant that I had to adapt to the situation therefore most of our time was spent on having loads of playtime together.

GRAPE-wise, the team and I have been planning for our next webinar, which is scheduled for the 17th of September. We are currently looking at the structure of the webinar and are discussing who our guest speaker will be. The webinars occur every four months and provide a space where various stakeholders get together to hear the lived realities of people on the ground, while also creating an opportunity to discuss policy. September's webinar will be centered around the policy framework on a Universal Basic Income Grant (which we are advocating for), and we are looking forward to the conversations that will emerge from it.

In addition to this, I attended a URCSA church event with a colleague where we gave a short presentation on GRAPE and the work that we do. The presentation was well received and many questions arose from the presentation and we gave all parties interested additional information through word of mouth after the presentation, as not all areas were focused on during the presentation due to a limited amount of time allocated for us. After the discussions we realised that we needed to have something tangible for attendees to take back home. This, together with other events attended by various colleagues, led us to agree on designing a GRAPE pamphlet. The pamphlet will ensure that people who attend conferences and presentations leave with something tangible when they go home, allowing them to learn more about GRAPE and the work we do even after the event has ended.



I rounded off the month with a pleasant surprise, I recently met with Rev. Dr. Amelia Koh-Butler, CWM Mission Secretary for Education, Formation and Empowerment, who also happens to be the Training in Mission Director as well. It was a lovely time to catch up with her, reflect on my journey throughout the TIM programme last year and how God has been leading me since completing the programme. And of course, I was on the receiving end of some valuable advice—just as an aunty would lovingly give.

I am also really excited to share that I will be facilitating a Six Thinking Hats workshop on the 19th of September at Trinity, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Six Thinking Hats is a concept that enables

us to look at Scripture—or anything we come across—from differing perspectives. It allows us to put on “different hats” as we engage with God’s Word, helping us to think more intentionally and avoid reading Scripture through only one lens. The workshop is open to all teens and young adults, and I am looking forward to seeing how this simple yet powerful tool encourages richer conversations and deeper engagement with Scripture. (Poster below)

And finally, I would like to thank you for your continued support and prayers. Your encouragement and generosity does not go unnoticed and I am deeply grateful for the Trinity family. As I look ahead to the coming month, I am excited to see what God has in store and to continue serving wherever He leads. Thank you for walking alongside me on this journey.

Grace and peace,

Themba

*6 Thinking Hats:
Brewed for Better Thinking*

Putting Thinking on The Table


Facts


Benefits


Feelings


Creativity


Caution


Process

Join us as we explore six ways of looking at Scripture.

Date: 19 September 2026	Time: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Venue: Trinity
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Open to all teens and young adults

What's coming up....

NEW MEMBER'S MEETING

- **When: Saturday, 8 August**
- **Where: Trinity Boardroom**
- **Time: 09h00 - 12h00**

Find out more about Trinity and the Presbyterian Church.

Please confirm with the office if you would like to attend, for catering purposes



Presbytery meeting

Saturday, 15 August
09h00 -13h00

If anyone is willing to assist with serving tea and lunch please would you let Felicity in the office know

In line with the POPI Act, if you do not wish for your photo or information to be shared on church platforms, please contact Felicity at office@trinitychurch.co.za or 011 453 7729

Giving

Please take note:

EFT Payments

We would like to ensure that the payments made to Trinity towards tithing, retiring offerings, food bags etc are allocated correctly. In order to do this, please would you ensure that the reference shown on your payment has the correct beneficiary.

For Tithing, please use the following methods:

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
STANDARD BANK
CURRENT ACCOUNT
NUMBER: 42 448 2088,
BRANCH: 016 342

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