

Trinity Friends and Families,

This weekend kicks-off the *Red Letter Challenge* ! Simply put, it's the challenge to put the words of Jesus (the *red letters* in many Bibles) into practice in our lives as a congregation, as individuals, and in our relationships with others.

Through six weeks of worship, and 40 days of personal devotions, the goal of the *Red Letter Challenge* is for each person to grow in their identity as children and followers of Christ. We hope every person and family will take part in this challenge together!

Here's what you need to know :

Worship: From September 16/17 through October 21/22, our services will center on a theme from Jesus' words -- the *red letters*. Following our week of introduction, we will look at: BEING, FORGIVING, SERVING, GIVING, & GOING.

Amid busy lives and burdened souls, God both invites and commands us to make worship a priority. With the *Red Letter Challenge* , we are both given a worship focus, as well as continued reflection throughout the week in daily devotions.

Daily devotions: In the back of the sanctuary are Red Letter Challenge books. Each day's devotion continues the theme from worship and includes a 4-5 page reading. (A daily reading guide/book mark is included with each book.) Some days even incorporate a challenge for you! For families with kids, there is also the Red Letter Challenge for Kids. Please check them out to see what best fits your family.

The suggested donation for each book is \$20, and can be paid at the church office or with one of our congregational elders at the back table. If cost is an issue, please take a book anyway! If you are able and moved to contribute more, that will assist in offsetting total costs. If books run out, we will make sure more are ordered asap.

Small groups: The *Red Letter Challenge* was created with Small Groups in mind and we want to make those easy and accessible for everyone. Whether it's a group of younger couples, mothers, older adults, men, etc., we want an opportunity for you. No matter the demographic, each group can decide on the best time, way, and place to meet.

Each small group session is designed for about an hour a week and we are looking for those willing to lead groups. Resources such as discussion guides and video links/DVDs will be provided. Please check out the small group opportunities in the back of church and sign up today!

I'm excited pastorally, personally, and for my family, to take on the *Red Letter Challenge* . Let's join together as Christ's church for an adventure of learning, reflecting, acting, and growing as disciples and children of our Heavenly Father.

If any questions are had, please contact the church office anytime!

In Christ,

Pastor Riggert