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The Trinity United Methodist Church **Monthly Newsletter** is available both online at www.trinityprattville.com and by mail by submitting a request to the church secretary at secretary@trinityprattville.com. Submission of articles for the monthly newsletter should be sent to communications@trinityprattville.com by the 20th of each month.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday		Tuesday	
9:40 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service	7:00 a.m.	Man Cave
9:40 a.m.	Children's Sunday School	10:00 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study (once a month)
9:40 & 11:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	Wednesday	
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service	12:00 p.m.	Master Gardeners (3rd Wednesday of Month)
	Children's Worship	5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Supper
	Youth Sunday School	6:00 p.m.	Youth Worship
1:00 p.m.	Korean Church	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Studies
5:00 p.m.	Youth Dinner/Study	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
		Thursday	
		6:00 p.m.	Contemporary Band Rehearsal

COOKOUT

September 6th
from 5:30-7:30 PM

We're kicking off this Wednesday Night Study Season with a cookout!

We hope to see everyone there! Come check out what studies we will have this Wednesday Night season!

Wednesday Night Studies

SEPT 13TH - NOV 15TH

MEALS AT 5:30 PM

STUDIES AT 6:30 PM

Sermon on the Mount

Study led by Rev Ed Shirley

Also known as the "Inauguration of God's Kingdom." Basically, Jesus stood on a hill, surrounded by his followers, and said, "If you want to be my disciples then live this way." I always advise new Christians to begin their Bible reading with Matthew chapters 5,6, &7. Please read these chapters, listen to them on a phone app, play narrative and dramatic versions on YouTube. Of course, we begin our studies with singing and conclude with singing.

The Chosen: Season 3

Men's Study led by Scott Carmichael

This group will be watching and discussing the stories of Jesus told through the TV series "The Chosen." This is also a great opportunity for the men of the church to connect with one another.

The Book of Hebrews

Study led by Merelo Watt

Do you want to be confident in your faith? The book of Hebrews confirms that choosing Christ Jesus, over everything else, is better than anything, and will encourage you to stay grounded in Christ! Hebrews shows Christ's superiority over all things, and that He is supreme and completely sufficient for salvation! Come join us and confirm Christ's place in your life!



Rev Ed Said...

Make Sure the Word is Right

In a small town, the editor of a local newspaper offered to give me a free article every week. This was a generous. My weekly devotionals were submitted via email: a simple copy and a paste into the newspaper.

However, the editor actually changed the wording to include several serious grammatical errors. "The disciples is by the sea." "They was cleaning there nets." Such errors were viewed by so many that it became embarrassing. So, I ceased making contributions to the newspaper.

It took me a long time to make sure my verbs and nouns matched singular or plural. Of course, there are correct usages for their and they're. When the teacher said, "Eddie, your paper has grammatical problems," I thought she was saying "dramatical problems." My response was "I am not acting this is me."

What is so wonderful about the Bible is Its steadfast inerrancy over thousands of years. Such a record of reliability warrants our respect and reverence. "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the Word of our God endures forever." (Isaiah 40:8)

I could have told my English teacher, "This is my free expression of speech, and you just need to accept it." Well, the report cards would have continued to contain "D's" and even "F's." One day, I learned the difference between "grammatical" and "dramatical." Life would be better for Eddie Shirley to improve his reading and writing. My expectations were rather low. The expectations of teachers and parents were greater.

Have you ever thought about Teacher Jesus grading our spiritual day of service? Are we getting God's Word right? James said, "But be ye doers of the Word." (James 1:22)

In my opinion, Christians at all levels should return to the common admiration of God's Word. People with the most eloquent speech can twist the meaning of Scripture. However, the Bible remains after their burial day.

Let us cherish the Word. May we meet the higher expectations of God. Hey, I am not acting. I am really trying to get it right.

I pick Jesus.....Rev Ed

**"Pop-In Pastor's Office"
Thursdays from 1:30 pm until 5:30 pm**

Of course, I am available anytime for all ages to visit me, but I will set aside Thursdays (unless there is a conflict) to be in my office for all to drop by for a bag of popcorn, talk, play instruments, sing, drink coffee, and just hang around for fun.
Pop in! - Rev. Ed Shirley

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Wednesday Night Worship Series

Our teenagers have a tendency to compare themselves to others. This is totally normal, however comparison is the thief of joy. In this series, they will discover that comparison not only keeps them from liking others, it robs them of things like peace and grace. The further they move away from comparison and toward who God says they are, the more they'll be able to love who they are, the way they are. Be in prayer for our students as we navigate this on Wednesday nights!



Small Group Kickoff



When small groups begin again on September 10th with our youth on Sunday Nights, we will be offering supper at 5:00 PM and then moving into our small group time at 5:30 PM. If you are interested in preparing a meal for our youth on Sunday nights you can scan this QR code with your cell phone camera and a schedule will pop up of needed dates, or you can call Sarah Roberts!



Attention Parents:
Text @kkff48 to 81010
to join our remind for youth program

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Upcoming Events:

September 6 -
Churchwide Cookout Party

September 13 -
Choir and classes start

October 22 -
Fall Festival

November 5 -
Children's Choir singing in church

January 2024 -
6th grade winter retreat

February 2024 -
3rd-5th grade winter retreat

Fall Festival
Sunday, October 22, 2:30-4:30 pm



We are very excited to be offering our annual Fall Festival this year on Sunday, October 22nd! Start inviting your friends and neighbors now! See Theresa or Sarah if you would like to volunteer.

Children's Choir and Wednesday Night Studies - Time Change



We are so excited about children's choir and Wednesday night studies starting! We made a slight time-change this semester:
5:30-6:30 PM - Supper
6:30-7:30 PM - Choir and Classes



We are hoping this will allow our working parents a little more time to get there! After our churchwide Cookout party on September 6th, we plan on beginning our Wednesday evening programming on September 13. It will include children's choir for preschool through 6th grade!

If you are interested in helping out with our choir program or classes, please send Theresa an email at theresa@trinityprattville.com.

Stay Connected

Remind Text Messages: Text @6f6e4 to the number 81010
Facebook: Trinity UMC Children's Ministry



- September 1 Jim Caldwell
- September 1 Brandon Snowden
- September 2 Laura Beth Andrews
- September 3 Joyce Perry
- September 5 Warren Scott
- September 5 Melinda Tyler
- September 7 Barbara Gray
- September 7 Cindy Schmaeman
- September 9 Sam Ross
- September 9 Ashley Wilcox
- September 9 Annette Williams
- September 10 Fred Bailey
- September 11 Amy Holden
- September 11 Chandler Tyler
- September 13 Jamie Sandley
- September 14 Micheal Cleary
- September 14 Lynn Hensley
- September 15 Maddox Morris
- September 15 Amanda Parker
- September 16 Jared Sibley
- September 19 Kati Douglas
- September 19 Craig Young
- September 20 Don Arkle
- September 20 Josh Rawlinson
- September 21 Ruth Cox
- September 21 Louise Hood
- September 22 Maddy Leverette
- September 22 Alice Lindsey
- September 23 Amber Shirley
- September 26 Al Reid

CHURCH STATISTICS LAST MONTH

	6-Aug	13-Aug	20-Aug	27-Aug
General Fund Giving	\$13,735.00	\$5,452.24	\$6,870.00	\$4,447.00
Attendance				
- 9:40 Service	70	78	80	75
- 11:00 Service	90	95	107	99
- Sunday School	56	63	59	69

ACOLYTE MINISTRY

	Cross Bearer	Bible Bearer	Torch Bearer	Torch Bearer
September 3	Kyser Causey	Elodie Godfrey	Christian Wilcox	Veronika Tuck
September 10	Artem Tuck	Blaine Wesche	Sydney Jones	Savannah Jones
September 17	Harrison Till	Emma Ayers	Elodie Godfrey	Maisie Petty
September 24	Savannah Jones	Jonah Llivingston	Blaine Wesche	Sydney Jones

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Harvest Festival for "Mary's Haven" Needs Volunteers!

Saturday Oct. 7th, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.
Saint Joseph Catholic Church

People who can operate games, bring games, homemade crafts vendors are welcome, and generally help with the festival. If you can volunteer, please call 365-6262. Please call by October 1st. Mary's Haven Crisis Pregnancy Center offers care to expectant mothers.

Dear Trinity Friends,

Thank you so much for your expressions of Christ's love and kindness during my recent hospital stay and return home.

Your cards, telephone calls, visits, and meals truly gave me a sense of the healing grace of our Lord.

Most appreciatively,
Sheryl Ferguson



The church office will be closed on Monday, September 4th for the holiday.

Notice: There is a Church Council Meeting scheduled for September 10th at 4 PM in the Seekers Classroom.

Take A Moment in God's Word

SEPTEMBER 03 - Ex 3:1-15; Ps 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Rom 12:9-21; Matt 16:21-28
SEPTEMBER 10 - Ex 12:1-14; Ps 149; Rom 13:8-14; Matt 18:15-20
SEPTEMBER 17 - Ex 15:1b-11, 20-21; Ps 114; Rom 14:1-12; Matt 18:21-35
SEPTEMBER 24 - Ex 16:2-15; Ps 105:1-6, 37-45; Phil 1:21-30; Matt 20:1-16

MISSIONS UPDATES

Rescheduled YMCA Field of Dreams

Trinity will be helping with the YMCA Field of Dreams baseball games on Thursday, **September 21**. There are two games, which begin at 5:30 and 6:30. Please join us in helping this wonderful organization that provides opportunities for physically and mentally challenged adults and children to participate in sports. You may choose to help the athletes on the field, or you may sit in the stands and cheer for them! It will be a fun evening! Let Rich (319) 389-0971 or Eve (334) 391-3507 know that you are coming so we can make sure we have enough helpers!

Operation Christmas Child **SEPTEMBER**

WOW Items

Ages 10-14

- Stuffed animal
- Backpack
- Doll
- Flashlight

Please place any donations in the appropriate bin behind the FLC.

Join our group for all the info

Facebook Group: TUMC OCC



AMAZON REGISTRY



Autauga Interfaith CARE CENTER

Trinity collects donations of food and personal care items for Autauga Interfaith Care Center (AICC) to give to those in need in Autauga county. They collect non-perishable food items and personal care items including soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, feminine care items, toilet paper, laundry detergent, diapers. These may be dropped off in the collection area in the hall behind the family life center and they will be delivered to AICC.

ADULT MINISTRY

Wednesday Night Studies will pick back up on **September 6th** with a churchwide Cookout Party at **5:30!** Regular studies begin **September 13th**. We have a time change this semester - Suppers will be from **5:30 - 6:30 PM**, and studies will be from **6:30 - 7:30 PM**.

We are offering 3 adult studies this semester:

- Sermon on the Mount Study led by Rev. Ed
- The Book of Hebrews led by Merelo Watt
- Chosen: Season 3 Men's Study led by Scott Carmichael

Learn more about Wednesday Nights by scanning this QR code!



Adult Sunday School Classes

9:30 AM

SEEKERS: MEETS IN THE SEEKERS CLASSROOM

9:40 AM

FELLOWSHIP: MEETS IN THE LIBRARY
 HORIZONS: MEETS IN THE ROOM ACROSS FROM THE KITCHEN

11:00 AM

LEGACY: MEETS IN THE SEEKERS CLASSROOM
 RENEWAL: MEETS IN THE ROOM ACROSS FROM THE KITCHEN

Man Cave Men's Group:

Meets weekly on Tuesdays at 7:00 am

Ladies Monthly Bible Study:

Meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

September 19th | Time TBD

The SAM group will be taking a trip to Sylacauga to tour the Blue Bell Creamery, a museum, and the marble quarry! Check the bulletin board outside the library for more details, and to sign up.